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Student committee explores students union options, ELS and Farm House eyed for Beinecke Village expansion

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In a meeting open to the campus, the Student Facilities Committee met Thursday evening to discuss its continued exploration of the creation of a student union on campus. Students have voiced a desire for renovations and additions that will make the current Beinecke Village a more useful, inviting, and recreational space.

Many students see an improved, centralized student union as a potential tool for bringing together a divided campus, increasing communication among student organizations, and increasing overall social options.

"I would like to see a place with more interaction of people who live in different areas of campus," said Robert Parker '04 of a new student union.

Seth O'Bryan '01, a Student Facilities Committee member, stressed the importance of a centrally located facility. "Opus is very successful, but it is too far on the dark side. We want a place where we can see a little of everyone, where we can bring together different spheres of the campus," he said.

The key to the success of a new student union will be features that will draw students out of their dorms to meet with fellow students.

"There's really nothing cool here," says Damien Ellens '03 of Beinecke Village.

Matt Stringer '03 added, "They should put more fun things in, like ping-pong and foosball tables."

At Thursday's meeting students presented ideas of what they would like to see in a student union. The list included a climbing wall, bowling lanes, a jukebox, continuous WHCL airplay, band practice rooms, an all-night room, a performance stage, the school store, and a game room.

PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER LAROSA '03

Student Facilities Committee co-chairs Karsten Lund '03 and Hunter Kurtz '01 moderate discussion at Thursday evening's meeting concerning a student union.

A newsstand-type store that offers basic school supplies, snacks, beverages, and popular reading material is also on the list of desired items for the student center. Such a store, especially if it has extended hours, could provide students with quick and accessible supplies and serve as a

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Continued harassment plagues jitney drivers

More volunteers needed for second van

by Sarah Karalunas '04
NEWS EDITOR

A pattern of harassment of jitney drivers by students has the administration and jitney coordinators, Mark Azzolino '01 and Dan Bordoni '01, worried.

This weekend, after just the second day of late night jitney service, one driver was harassed so badly that she decided to quit.

"It's kind of a sorry statement about the Hamilton Community that this driver drove one shift before quitting. What does that say about the people riding?" asks Azzolino.

Azzolino and Bordoni both stress that this is not an isolated incident. Nearly every weekend impatient and often intoxicated students harass jitney drivers. One weekend an angry student even punched the side of the van. Two drivers have already quit this semester.

"What's really telling is the return rate," says Bordoni. At the beginning of each semester, only about half of the jitney drivers chose to return.

Some problems are created by students who want to be picked up or dropped off at locations other than the official jitney stops. Drivers are not allowed to pick up people walking in town or on the hill because of state hitchhiker laws.

"The Kirkland Police have told us they will ticket drivers who stop," said Bordoni. "We're not just driving by and laughing. If there's a parking lot or something nearby to stop, where it's legal, then we will."

Azzolino says that the most common problems emerge when students try to cram extra people into the jitney. The jitney seats a maximum of 14 people. Sunday through Thursday, there are usually enough seats to go around.

Once the weekend starts, however, double or triple this number may be waiting at one stop, especially during the late night shift. Despite the jitney driver's promises to return soon, students frequently do not want to wait and try to fit into the jitney anyway. When the driver stops the van and asks people to get out, some students become verbally abusive.

Hamilton College imposes the 14-passenger limit for both safety and liability reasons. Transporting more people in the van is unsafe, and if the van gets in an accident while carrying more than 14 people, then insurance will not cover the costs.

"These are just a bunch of students trying to earn some money," says Bordoni. "They're not trying to make your life difficult by not letting you on. If they do, they'll lose their job."

To accommodate the large number of students needing rides on the weekends, Azzolino and Bordoni, in conjunction with Student Assembly, requested that two vans be run during the busiest hours. Not only does this benefit students

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NY State Lt. Governor gains ACCESS to Hamilton College

by James P. Du Vernay
NEWS EDITOR

New York State Lt. Governor Mary O. Donohue joined State Senator Ray Meier (R-C, 47th District) in visiting Hamilton College's new ACCESS Project on Wednesday, January 24, 2001. The pair spent approximately one hour on campus meeting with project administrators, speaking with members of the media, and offering encouragement to students.

Despite Senator Meier's instrumental role in securing state funding grants for the program, his visit with Donohue nonetheless surprised ACCESS Project Coordinator Sharon Gormley. According to Gormley, she received a call from the Lieutenant Governor's office on Monday, January 22, requesting permission for the visit. Because the visit came about so suddenly, Gormley believes Meier arranged for Donohue to come and characterized him as "a real friend to the project, who tries to visit whenever he is in the area."

Project administrators considered the visit important for the long-term success of the ACCESS Project and for fostering an understanding of women on welfare.

"There are lots of stereotypes out there about women on welfare — what they look like, what they act like," Gormley explained. "It's good for the Lieutenant Governor to talk with these women and start to put a face on poverty and welfare."

Tara Day, the Social Services Support Coordinator for ACCESS, highlighted the political importance of the visit.

"As a pilot program, we're hoping for continued funding. By being here, politicians confirm that they see it as a useful program," she said.

Gormley agreed, noting that "the visit does give us additional credibility. Many people still do not know about this program. If successful, however, it will act as a model for New York and other states wishing to start similar programs."

Gormley explained that "the ultimate goal for the program is to change public policy so that college education is once again an acceptable option for women on welfare."

Current regulations formulated under the 1996 Welfare Reform Act do not allow welfare recipients to attend traditional college programs. It does allow for enrollment in one-year training programs offered at technical and vocation schools.

Students in the program expressed mixed feelings about the Lieutenant Governor's visit.

"It was quick; I was under the impression that we would have more time to personally speak with her," said student Karen Czerkies.

Czerkies feared that the Lieutenant Governor's group discussion may not have given Donohue a complete picture of the many different backgrounds from which women in the program come.

"She's looking at us as if we all had the same condition, but we are not all the same. All of our situations are unique in some aspect," she commented.

Several students agreed that they would have liked more attention from Donohue, who spent about forty minutes of her visit in discussion with program administrators and professors. She then met with the students in the program for about 15 minutes.

"It was nice of her to acknowledge the program and give us encouragement to continue our education," said student Kirsten Howard. " People need to realize that we are not just women who sit on our butts all day."

Hope Rivers, another student, noted that Donohue "reminded us that we are pioneers under a lot of pressure to suc-

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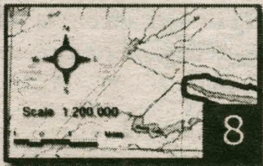


New Hamilton website crawls to life

by Sarah Karalunas '04
NEWS WRITER

A dynamic new Hamilton College webpage went online January 16, 2001. With fresh colors, an updated design, and a catchy slogan, college administrators hope to attract the attention of prospective students who are surfing the web.

"This directly sends the messages that we think are important to prospective students," says Director of Communications Mike DeBraggio.

After meetings with the President's Internet Initiative Committee and consultation with the Chicago-based firm Lipman Hearne, it became clear that there were a number of problems with the old webpage.

First, the page was previously run off a Macintosh platform, which could not handle the volume of traffic. The college switched to a Windows operating system, and the page now runs without interruption 99% of the time.

More difficult to fix were problems with old links and outdated information. While building the old page throughout 1997 and 1998, DeBraggio points out, there was a rush to put information on the Internet. Most of that information, however, remained unchanged and outdated.

"Our webpage wasn't behind other comparable institutions, but we were very middle-of-the-road," said Ned Stankus, director of electronic media.

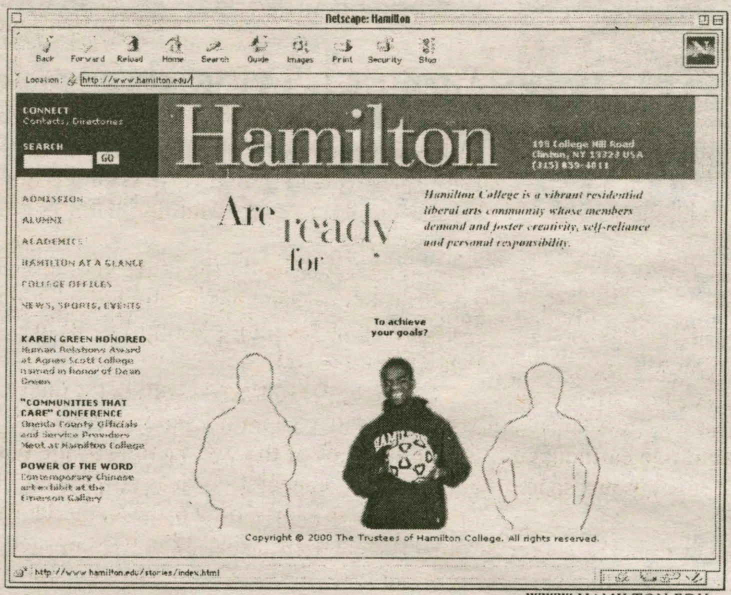
Instead of having the chapel as the center of the page, the focus is now on what students are doing. Personal stories from twelve students detail both the academic and extracurricular activities they are involved in on campus. Six additional stories will be added in the near future, said DeBraggio.

"Basically every college on the planet defines itself by a bunch of old buildings. It was time for something different," said Stankus.

The new theme aims to attract prospective students and focuses their attention on admissions and academics. For example, the page now contains stories from currently enrolled students about their experiences at Hamilton. "Someone who's interested in chemistry can come to the site, read our story, and hopefully get really excited about Hamilton," says Stankus.

The new slogan "Are you ready for this?" also helps spice up the page. The idea for the slogan came from alumni Shawn Fitzpatrick about a year ago; however, until now, no one was sure how to apply it.

"It's been sitting around for a while, but we didn't know what to do with it. This (the Internet) is the perfect medium to get it out there," said DeBraggio.



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Start page of the new Hamilton College website.

"The nice thing is it's interrogative...you read it and you want to find out more," says Stankus.

The new homepage does not contain direct links to the library or the Career Center, two things less likely to interest prospective students. For these links, students can now visit the internal Hamilton webpage (http://onthehill.hamilton.edu).

"There are things that Hamilton students need to be one click away from that prospective students don't," says Stankus.

"We realize that students who are already enrolled have different needs than prospective students," says DeBraggio.

On the internal webpage, which has a design similar to the new homepage, students can find all the features of the old site plus a variety of exciting new ones.. A student poll link allows students to give their opinions about things like race relations and drinking on campus and then see other students' responses.

People are looking more closely at the new sites than the old, say DeBraggio. While most of the feedback is positive, DeBraggio has received suggestions for new links to be added.

"The nice thing about a website is that you can change stuff quickly and inexpensively," said DeBraggio.

Faculty members also requested that more information be added to each of the academic department pages.

"Nothing is set in stone. We really appreciate feedback. We're constantly tweaking and constantly refining things," said Stankus.

These new sites are only the first step in a series of improvements. Within the next six weeks DeBraggio hopes to add a webpage specifically for alumni and a feature to help prospective students request information about their areas of interest.

"You can type a message with your interests, for example history, choir, and field hockey, and then we'll respond with a page that pools that information." This very personalized page, says DeBraggio, reflects what Hamilton is about. "Being able to get personal with students is one of the great things about Hamilton, and we want to start that very personal relationship early."

By next semester, DeBraggio says, enrolled students should be able to take the internal webpage and personalize it with the links most important to them. Any other changes will reflect comments and suggestions from the community. "There's a lot more coming," says DeBraggio.

Jitney service needs new drivers

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because twice the number of people can get a ride at once, but it also benefits drivers because satisfied students don't harass them.

"Driver start to feel they need to 'prepare' to go to work. That's not right. This (second jitney) helps students, but it also takes a lot of pressure off drivers," says Bordoni.

Both Bordoni and Azzolino, who tested the two-jitney solution during Senior Week by driving both vans themselves, say that having the extra van reduced or eliminated the problem.

"First of all, you don't have students driving up the hill drunk because the jitney provides another option. With two jitneys, students also don't have to wait around, so they don't get upset," said Azzolino.

The administration agreed to provide a second van every weekend if Azzolino and Bordoni could come up with the drivers; however, so far not enough people have volunteered.

"We only got 16 people at the recruiting meeting. That's what we normally use to run one van," says Bordoni.

Part of the problem with recruiting drivers, say Bordoni and Azzolino, is that no one wants to give up weekend nights. To make sure that everyone still has an opportunity to go out, the late night weekend shifts work on a rotating schedule. This ensures that each driver only has to drive the shift once or twice a month.

"The community is asking for it. Now they need to do something to get it," Azzolino said.

"Even if a handful of people volunteered to drive once or twice during the semester, that would be a huge help," said Bordoni.

To volunteer to be a jitney driver contact Mark Azzolino (x2680) or Dan Bordoni (x2647).

ACCESS welcomes Lt. Gov.

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ceed. We're blazing trails for the women who will follow us."

Acknowledging the political importance of the visit, student Francis Jimenez explained, "politicians need to know we need help. Governmental participation and active funding are crucial for the program's success."

Several local media agents covered the event. Television stations UTR and KTU sent camera crews. Reporters from area newspapers, including ones from Clinton, Utica, and Syracuse, also attended the visit. Although the ACCESS Project stands to gain from the publicity, at least one student in the program is getting frustrated by what she considers inaccurate reporting.

"Too often the media...presents misinformation about women on welfare. It's not always wrong information, but they rarely tell the whole story about us," she said.

The Lieutenant Governor's regular detachment of New York State Troopers provided security during the visit. The college's Campus Safety office also provided an extra officer to ensure Donohue's protection.

Donohue was elected to her post in November 1998. Prior to her election, she served on the State Supreme Court for the Third Judicial District and as District Attorney for Rensselaer County. During her term, creating opportunities for individuals on welfare has been a focus for the lieutenant governor.

The visit indicates the continued interest in the project held by the governor's office. During the opening conference for the program two years ago, Commissioner of Social Services Brian Wing made an appearance.

Committee tours student unions

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convenient alternative to the current school store and the remote Nice 'N Easy downtown.

Sanarah Rasheed '03 expressed her interest in seeing the creation of an extended-hour mini-mart of sorts. "Right now, when I'm up in the morning and I want a snack, there's nowhere to get food. Your only option is to go suite-shopping."

Another purpose of a new student union would be to centralize student organizations under one roof. Hunter Kurtz '01, committee co-chair, explained that putting offices in a central location would foster increased communication and collaboration between different groups on campus.

While some student organizations' offices are housed in the Bristol Campus Center, a changing college landscape has left the building on the outskirts of the campus; as a result, students make little use of Bristol as an informal social space.

ELS or the Farm House would be prime real estate for a new student union, explained O'Bryan. Students would like to see the ELS building, which is currently being used as a temporary class meeting place, become a student hangout, bookstore, or mini-mart. Many students have suggested using the Farm House as a new home for student organizations that currently base their operations in Bristol.

Director of Student Activities Beverly Low has been touring campus unions at other colleges with the Student Facilities Committee. "We're particularly interested in visiting colleges which have converted existing structures into student unions," Low stated.

Members of the Student Facilities Committee acknowledged that any plan for the creation of a student union will likely involve the renovation and extension of existing structures. Basing a student union on existing buildings greatly reduces overall cost of construction.

The Student Facilities Committee is scheduled to visit Bowdoin College, which has successfully converted its pool building to a student union. Low explained that if the plan for a student union goes through, the college would look to architects with a proven track record in converting existing buildings to design the facility.

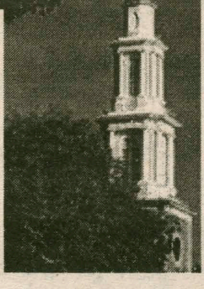
Adding momentum to the student union movement is strong backing from the administration and the trustees of the college. Kurtz and Karsten Lund '03, the other co-chair of the committee, shared the enthusiasm they meet with when meeting the trustees.

President Tobin also voiced support for the committee's activity. "I am very pleased that [the committee] and Director of Student Activities Bev Low are undertaking a series of campus visits to explore how other institutions configure their student unions. Emerson Literary Society is a handsome building, a cornerstone of our campus, and a critical part of future facilities decisions in our strategic plan. ELS might very well serve as a future bookstore/café and/or career center. Our understanding of its future uses will be better informed after the subcommittee submits its report," said Tobin.

The Student Facilities Committee is constantly looking for student feedback about a student union. Students interested in shaping a future student union or changing the use of existing buildings on campus are encouraged to contact committee members with their suggestions and concerns.

IVORY TOWERS

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND



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American student saved in India

India (AP) — Viral Dalal, a New Jersey graduate student home for winter break, stands with his hands to his face Wednesday as earth-movers begin to shift rubble from the apartment building holding six members of his family.

For five days, he too was trapped under tons of plaster and concrete in the devastated high-rise.

Dalal, a 24-year-old computer science student at Fairleigh Dickinson University's campus in Teaneck, N.J., was sleeping when the 7.9-magnitude earthquake toppled the building on Friday, encasing him in a space less than a foot high.

Astonished British rescuers, who had all but given up hope of finding anyone alive in the building, pulled him out late Tuesday.

"There wasn't a scratch on him," said Ray Gray, one of the rescuers. "He looked like he'd just popped out to the shops. We put him in an ambulance, but he jumped out and started drawing us a map of his apartment." Dalal wanted to help them find his family.

Dalal was rescued when neighbors reported hearing a voice from the ruins. Teams with sniffer dogs had already searched the building and found no signs of life. It took rescue workers using crowbars and bolt-cutters several hours to reach him.

Bush education plan forgets teachers

(U-WIRE) SYRACUSE, N.Y. — It is depressing to hear him tell it.

"After 24 years of very hard work, I realize I make almost no difference in the big picture," said John Brande, my high school history teacher. "Maybe 10,000 John Brandes around the world are having an impact on the flow of history. But I think I am just fooling myself so I can continue having a purpose in life."

This is coming from a man who is one of the most intelligent and engaging people I know. For him to be able to say so bluntly that he believes deep down his work is not truly making a difference, just does not seem right.

President George W. Bush is pushing an education reform plan that would focus on poor, minority and inner city schools. His plan calls for universal preschool, after-school programs, early literacy programs and annual assessment tests for students in grades three through eight.

What our new president is forgetting, is the cornerstone of all education — teachers.

Our teachers are entrusted with the task of making our nation a better place tomorrow. It is time we treated them with the respect that their great responsibility demands.

Part of the problem is that Americans do not value the young as much as one would hope, Brande said. Instead, most Americans worship the dollar.

"That's how an American proves their worth as a human being. Own things. Make money. Teachers get average salaries. Those of us who care about the future and want to help children are not regarded very highly. I think Americans' attitude toward public education has

Officials: professors were stabbed

HANOVER, N.H. (AP) — Two Dartmouth College professors found dead over the weekend were stabbed to death, probably by someone they let into their home, authorities said Thursday.

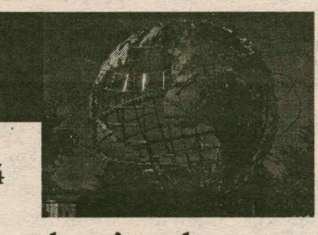
Officers outside the murder site.

Attorney General Philip McLaughlin disclosed the cause of the deaths of Half and Susznne Zantop at a news briefing that coincided with a community meeting on the grief-stricken Ivy League campus.

"The death was in fact caused by a stabbing, although I will not amplify on that," McLaughlin said.

The bodies of Half Zantop, 62, and wife Susanne, 55, were found Saturday evening by a dinner guest arriving at their secluded off-campus home. The slayings of the popular couple stunned the college, which has about 5,600 students.

WORLD NEWS



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Acquitted Libyan gets hero's welcome

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — A smiling Moammar Gadhafi on Thursday warmly embraced a Libyan acquitted in the 1988 Lockerbie bombing, who returned home shaking his fist in victory and chanting, "God is great" before well-wishers.

In the Netherlands, the other Lockerbie defendant, a Libyan intelligence agent, studied whether to appeal his conviction for multiple murders in the downing of Pan Am Flight 103.

Libya, under renewed scrutiny for links to terrorism after the verdicts, said it would consider compensation for the families of the 270 victims of the bombing, but only after the appeal process is completed.

A Scottish court sitting in the Netherlands sentenced Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi to life imprisonment, with no possibility of review for 20 years, for planting the device that exploded in the plane over Lockerbie, Scotland on Dec. 21, 1988. All 259 people on board were killed, and the fiery wreckage plunging 31,000 feet killed another 11 in the small town below.

Lamen Khalifa Fhimah, acquitted and freed by the court, arrived in Libya from the Netherlands on Thursday to a crowd of relatives and friends at Tripoli's airport who chanted "Justice has triumphed! Down with America."

Indonesian President Wahid censured

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — The parliament Thursday censured Indonesia's president over his alleged involvement in two corruption scandals, a move that could lead to lengthy impeachment proceedings.

Indonesian president.

The case of President Abdurrahman Wahid will be handed over to legal authorities for a possible criminal prosecution, Parliament Speaker Akbar Tandjung said after the censure decision was announced on national television.

The Southeast Asian nation, long wracked by violence and economic crisis, now faces months of political turmoil. Wahid is refusing to quit despite the censure and protests by more than 10,000 students outside the heavily guarded parliament.

After hours of late-night debate, lawmakers concluded that Wahid had broken his oath of office and violated a state decree to uphold clean government.

Earlier the parliament voted 393-4 to accept the findings of an inquiry that implicated Wahid in the multimillion-dollar affairs. Forty-three deputies from Wahid's party walked out before the vote.

Despite the defeat, aides said Wahid would fight on and that the Cabinet and the military remained loyal to

Milosevic placed under surveillance

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Former President Slobodan Milosevic has been placed under 24-hour police surveillance amid demands here and abroad that he be arrested, Serbia's police chief said Thursday.

Serb Interior Minister Dusan Mihajlovic did not say whether Milosevic — who lives in a Belgrade villa guarded by both the military and police — will be arrested or extradited to the U.N. tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, which has charged him with war crimes in Kosovo.

Asked by reporters whether Milosevic is under a 24-hour police surveillance, Mihajlovic said: "Let's say it happened."

Mihajlovic, who assumed the command of the Serb Interior Ministry only a week ago, did not give details. But police sources, who demanded anonymity, said the security guards, formerly loyal Milosevic, now regularly report to the new pro-democracy government on the former leader's whereabouts amid fears that he may flee the country or go into hiding.

New Yugoslav President Vojislav Kostunica, who succeeded Milosevic after brief popular riots last October, said Wednesday during his visit to Sweden that Milosevic lives in self-imposed isolation.

NATIONAL NEWS

Compiled by William Fuhrman '04

Senate confirms Ashcroft

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate majority voted Thursday to confirm John Ashcroft to be attorney general, giving President Bush a victory in his first battle with congressional Democrats, who served notice they will try to defeat conservative nominees in the future.

John Ashcroft.

With the roll call still under way, 51 senators had voted for Ashcroft's nomination, all but assuring Senate approval. The vote was extended to accommodate Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., who was returning to the Capitol from a family funeral.

Ashcroft had the support of all 50 Senate Republicans. Democrats labored to muster enough votes to show Bush they might be able to defeat conservative nominees in the future, particularly candidates for any Supreme Court vacancy.

Clinton may get $100,000 for speech

CHAPPAQUA, N.Y. (AP) — Bill Clinton will hit the lucrative post-presidential lecture circuit next week, making a pair of speeches in Florida, including one for a reported $100,000.

The former president will speak to a business convention in Boca Raton on Monday and at a synagogue in Aventura on Feb. 10.

The fee for the first speech, at a Morgan Stanley Dean Witter convention, is for $100,000, according to reports Thursday in USA Today and the New York Daily News.

That's about the same amount paid to ex-President Bush for his first post-White House appearances. Former President Reagan created a stir the year after he left office when he received $2 million from a Japanese company for delivering two speeches.

The ex-president is also considering a pricey midtown Manhattan office at Carnegie Hall Tower with a spectacular view of Central Park, his spokesman, Jake Siewert, said Thursday. The financial details are being negotiated by the General Services Administration.

"They've negotiated a good rate ... below or at market value for New York," Siewert said, adding that no lease has been signed.

Annual rent for the 56th-floor suite is expected to run about $650,000 a year.

Like other former presidents, Clinton's post-White House office will be paid for by taxpayers. Because of that, some watchdog groups — like the National Taxpayers Union and the Congressional Accountability Project — have questioned Clinton's decision to locate in such an expensive New York City neighborhood.

Poll shows concern about energy

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than half of Americans are concerned that California-like energy problems could hit their communities, yet most oppose exploring for more oil in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, according to a poll by The Associated Press.

A majority say higher fuel prices already affect them a lot, and six in 10 are concerned they could experience problems like the power shortages, high prices and intermittent blackouts in California, said the poll, conducted for The AP by ICR of Media, Pa.

About half of those worried about the problem said they are very concerned. Half the poll respondents in Western states said they were very concerned, compared with one in five in the South and Midwest and about a fourth in the Northeast. Blacks were twice as likely as whites to be very concerned.

People were about evenly split on whether the federal government should help California solve its problems. Young adults between 18 and 34 were twice as likely as senior citizens to say the federal government should help.

"I think the federal government should step in and do something, just so people can afford their energy," said Patricia Chandler, a 31-year-old businesswoman from Herrin, Ill. "It's pretty bad when people have to turn the heat down just to pay their bills."

Career center pairs students and internships

by Thomas Keane '03
NEWS WRITER

While Hamilton might still be under more snow than any one cares to acknowledge, summer is right around the corner for those students who are trying to find summer internships.

Internships serve as a great way to gain real-world experience, make professional contacts, and develop a foundation for future success.

The first step to getting an internship is finding it. One of the best sources for locating an ideal position is right here on College Hill Road. The Hamilton College Career Center helps over 300 students each year search for internships. The Career Center is equipped to help students explore a wide variety of career fields and geographic locations. Counselors also specialize in refining both student searches and résumés.

When it is time to apply, many firms request a cover letter to accompany the résumé. This document lets students explain to the company their interests and qualifications. The Career Center's staff is ready to guide students through this process as well.

The Career Center's website, located under the "college offices" section of the Hamilton College website, contains volumes of information on internships. Additionally, the site houses the "Recruiting Database," a collection of positions offered through alumni and personal contacts. There are currently over 90 listings.

The Career Center's website contains links to other search engines as well. One of the best is the Intern Center. This site represents the combined resources of 25 liberal arts schools. There are typically 30,000 listings at any one time.

Internships can also be found directly through the employer. A firm's website and human resource department are the best places on which to focus. Personal contacts can be a tremendous source of information about a particular company or job. They can also be quite influential in the application process. As you might expect, the Internet can provide access to numerous options as well.

Students looking to stay on campus for the summer, and especially those students interested in the sciences, should not overlook on-campus opportunities. Many great research positions are available through individual academic departments.

Jen McGuire '03 plans to stay on campus and do research in chemistry this summer.

"It's a good idea to get research experience before you graduate and this is a good way to do that," said McGuire.

Students are encouraged to contact directly the department in which they are interested.

There is an internship for everyone. Many positions do not include monetary compensation, but they are still valuable in the sense that they make students more desirable to future employers. Even underclassmen can obtain internships. Freshmen and sophomores should focus on less demanding positions and less prestigious firms. While Goldman Sachs might be looking for well-qualified juniors, regional banks and retail brokerage houses often have openings for younger students.

Underclassmen should think of an internship as a way to develop marketable skills, gain experience, and establish a base to build on for future employment opportunities.

Regardless of a student's career goals, now is the time to start looking for an opening to polish a résumé.

Be aware that deadlines are rapidly approaching, and that the early bird gets the worm.

Students comment on cable

by Michael Duchesneau '04
NEWS WRITER

Hamilton College students returned to school from winter break to find 40-plus channels of long-awaited cable television at their disposal. After a few weeks of channel surfing, almost everyone seems ready to offer his or her thoughts on the new cable package.

Junior Ryan Murelli enthusiastically declares that "cable is good. It's nice to wake up in the morning and watch ESPN Sports Center. The news keeps us informed on world issues."

A majority of students shared Murelli;s pleasure with the new entertainment option, but many have suggestions for new channels or other small changes they would like to see. Clayton "C.J." Cantil '04 said, "I'd like to get movie channels like HBO or Cinemax."

It seems almost everyone has a favorite channel that they would like to see added to the current cable package. Jennifer Davis '04 said, "If I had to add one [channel], I would say the food channel."

Amara McCarthy '04 seemed to agree with her, saying, "The food network is the best network on cable."

Takehiko Kamingoe '03 said, "I would like to get a channel that details what life is like in developing cultures."

Responding to these concerns, Student Assembly President Ray Ash '02 said, "We are missing a couple of cable channels, such as the food channel and the WB; it appears, however, that for right now there will be little change in channels provided by the college."

Ash continued, "The additional channels are tabled for right now. We are unable to determine if we will have the money for this in the future."

In an e-mail to President Ash, Information Technology Director Dave Smallen reported that adding the WB network would cost an additional $2,207 per year with an additional $767 for installation. The Food Channel would cost $1,971 per year plus $615 for installation.

Ash added, "Student Assembly did not feel that it was prudent to add additional channels until we gave money to student organizations. We have a very limited amount of funding, and many student organizations request it."

An important criticism centered on the lack of a channel guide. Some students are satisfied with the number and variety of channels available, but want some sort of preview channel. Students could then identify programs to watch instead of aimlessly channel surfing. Chris Humphrey '04 said, "[The cable is] great; we just need a preview guide."

Although originally concerned about the effect of cable on the college community, many students now believe that Hamilton has not been significantly changed by cable. Sarah Halloran '04 said, "I don't think cable has affected anything on campus."

Some students feel that cable is not having a positive effect on the campus. Pete Sniffen '02 said, "In my experience so far, cable is not being used for what it was intended. People in my suite are watching movies and bad TV. I guess it hasn't really changed our TV habits that much."

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Editorial

In one of the most controversial cabinet appointment debates of the last forty years, the United States Senate voted 58-42 yesterday to confirm former Missouri Governor John Ashcroft as Attorney General for the Bush administration. The significance of this decision may not have filtered down to campus yet, but every citizen should be aware of the implications and potential dangers associated with Mr. Ashcroft's assumption of the highest legal position in the country.

Contrary to public desire to view politicians as corrupt and self-serving, Mr. Ashcroft's integrity is not in question, here or in the Senate. Rather, it is his beliefs and philosophies that are troubling elected officials, journalists and citizens across the country. The argument is that he is simply too conservative in heart and mind to represent the nation fairly.

Mr. Ashcroft is solidly and openly pro-life. He once wrote that if he were given just one law to pass, it would be a ban of every abortion, except for those medically necessary to save the life of the mother. As a US senator he supported the Human Life amendment, which would have made abortion all but impossible. How will he reconcile his personal stance in a nation that, in law and in significant numbers, supports a woman's right to choose?

On civil rights Mr. Ashcroft is also alarmingly behind the times. He accepted in 1999 an honorary degree from Bob Jones University, where interracial dating is prohibited. He fought and defeated the appointment of James Hormel, a homosexual, to the ambassadorship to Luxembourg on the grounds that he would promote a "sinful" lifestyle. He has made numerous comments that sound eerily supportive of the darker side of Confederate values.

It is not directly relevant that Mr. Ashcroft is a born-again Christian. As the son of a minister, he was steeped in the Pentecostal traditions of rural Missouri, absorbing and then championing an undaunted dedication to conservative Christian values. However, as pro-Ashcroft Wisconsin Senator Russ Feingold argued, Mr. Ashcroft's religious convictions should in no way prevent him from carrying out the duties of Attorney General. Implied in this statement is that Mr. Ashcroft can suspend his beliefs in order to evenhandedly argue cases in which the law runs contrary to his religious principles.

We must consider the instances in which his personal beliefs will inform how he may act in cases where no clear legal precedent exists. Laws, fallible as the words that comprise them, are seldom so explicit as to remove the need for interpretation. Handling America's most complicated issues, such as abortion and gay rights, may well require a more even hand than Mr. Ashcroft is able to provide.

Mr. Ashcroft has coolly and consistently quelled these concerns by touting the warm, superficially appealing family values sermon that twice helped secure his election as the governor of Missouri, a swing state. As governor he balanced budgets and advanced education agendas. Mr. Ashcroft's record as chief executive, however, is no indicator of how he will perform as chief legal officer. It is the responsibility of each citizen - and each member of this community - to ensure that the Justice Department will eliminate as much personal inclination as possible in representing all Americans.

The Attorney General is the highest legal office in the nation. The post was created by the Judiciary Act of 1789 to provide counsel to the President and the executive branch. Appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, the Attorney General, the head of the Justice Department, is to represent the country in cases involving virtually any aspect of the federal government. Ironically, we must now have faith that Mr. Ashcroft will be as blind as Lady Justice demands.

One Day After Class

by Matthew Speer '03

Student Assembly Election Results

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The headline of the lead article in the January 26, 2001 *Spectator* incorrectly stated that "McEwen fails annual health inspection." McEwen Dining Hall actually passed the inspection with an unsatisfactory rating.

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Insights & Ideas

Honoring and Valuing Our Administration & Faculty

SETH O'BRYAN

From a distance Hamilton College is one small private liberal arts college tucked away in a small town called Clinton, but what most people do not see is that up close Hamilton college is a complicated web of many different functioning parts working together. In the past year, I have become very involved with student government and the underpinnings of what makes Hamilton go. The more I become involved and attempt to make a difference here, the more I work with the administration, faculty, and staff, the more impressed I am with how much they care and how much insight they have into how this college works. Most students realize how special and helpful the faculty is here.

Most students here have at least some professors they really enjoy and have some contact with outside of class. It is this contact outside of class that makes me realize how wonderful most professors here are. But fewer students here take the chance to work with or at least meet the administrators here. It's hard to use one word to group everyone together because each administrator is one particular individual existing in different spheres of Hamilton.

At any rate the people whofall under the classification of administration here that I have worked with have been so helpful and so incredible. They go out of their way to make this a better school for all of us.

On another level, the staff here for the most part is equally caring, insightful, and helpful, from all of the secretaries in different offices to physical plant to custodial services. The incredible thing about this college is you can make friends in so many different places: faculty members, administrators, janitors, coaches, etc.

Today I really want to express my gratitude for the administration workers like those in the offices of the President, the Dean of Students and Dean of Faculty. This semester I have become involved with trying to make things happen like student/faculty lunches, improving communication on campus, helping out with the Adler conference, and hard alcohol in the pub; and every time I do something, they or someone is there helping in any way they can. Obviously, they have a job to do and sometimes that's going to conflict with what the student body wants.

I think what students, including myself, sometimes forget is that Hamilton College is so much more than just what current students want. A lot of work goes into making this college as successful as it is, and this includes making academics strong, maintaining the buildings, improving faculty resources. The list is so long. What we as students want is not necessarily what is best for the college, and it is up to the administration and trustees to figure out how to balance everyone's wants and needs to make this place a success.

Everyone has a different opinion on how to do that, which makes it even harder. Some people think academics need to be emphasized more, some think experiences outside of the classroom, some think social life needs to be improved, some think more attention needs to be paid on the future of the college.

Therefore, there are always going to be disagreements, disappointments, and frustration. But all the same, it is important to remember that for the most part, we are working together for the best of this college. Furthermore, the better the college, the better the education we are going to get.

This leads me to my response to the money argument whenever students are not getting something they want. People love to say we pay $30,000 a year, we should be able to afford__________(fill in the blank). This is not true at all. Everything that happens here costs money and there are so many different operations that go into making this college run that it amazes me we can afford everything we get as students. Even though between endowment and tuition it seems like we get a lot of money, it's not as much as you think compared to the costs of everything that happens here. It really is amazing how much work, money, and thought must go into making this college run; it's not as easy or simple as it appears.

As usual, part of the reason we often don't realize how special the people like administrators and trustees are is because of a lack of communication and interaction. For various reasons, on both sides and just because of the way things are, it works out like that.

Take it from someone who's been heavily involved: it is incredible the amount of work and devotion people like President Tobin and all of the Deans do for the student body and the Hamilton Community as a whole. They aren't the only ones; it's also incredible how much the Student Activities office does, especially Bev Low. Until I got involved with student government and the Hamilton community, I had no idea who these people were and what they did for us.

This article doesn't do justice to the people I am trying to thank. I know I am leaving people out like the Office of Res life, and all the other offices on our hill, and for that I apologize. But all the same — thank you, to all of you, for everything you do for the Hamilton community; it does not go unnoticed.

THUMBS UP

- Baltimore Ravens winning the Super Bowl

- The administration sponsoring Basketbrawl II by sending a bus to the Union rematch

- Savage freshmen

- Keeping it real with Toilet Duck

- Afternoon snack sushi not giving you the runs

- Thundercats reruns on the Cartoon Network

THUMBS DOWN

- Ray Lewis "killing" the New York Giants' offense

- Teams wearing commerative history t-shirts before the game is even over

- Freezing rain in the face

- The flu, aka the silent assassin

- A steady diet of saltines, Pepto-Bismol chewables, and bile

- People asking, "Hey, are you in charge of Thumbs Up/ Thumbs Down?"

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A Manifesto: Everyone Should Have One

J.P. LEBLANC

In lieu of Peter Ringel's '01 manifesto, I decided to write my own — and why not? It is a privilege we seniors have earned. We have seen four years of life on the Hill (some of us five, a few even six), and it is only natural that we have formulated our own likes and dislikes here at Hamilton College. So, in no particular order, here are just a few of my very own:

Favorite Basketball Team Manager: Frank Sadler '01 (Sorry Pete, but Frank was the heart and soul of the women's hoops squad for two years.)

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Strategic Decisions

Since 1812 Hamilton College has attempted to promote the pursuit of excellence, but there might be a change that does not help us robustly move into the 21st century. Last week the campus received an e-mail from the Director of the Authur Levitt Center stating, "Because of time and money restraints, we are finding it increasingly difficult to maintain an open computer lab in the Levitt Center. Therefore, we plan to close the lab during the evening hours, or whenever a Levitt staff person is unavailable. The lab will be available only to students, faculty and others working on projects related to the Levitt Center." To plainly state it, a lot of people are disappointed and confused as to why this decision was made.

MAURICE MICHAANE

Last semester the College unveiled the "Strategic Plan," which calls for expanding resources and promoting "national models of excellence". Restricting and limiting access to the Levitt center does seem to me to be a way to promote the College's reputation.

Some may not be aware, but the Levitt Center is utilized by many as a study area and as place to access the Internet. Throughout last week, students were approaching student assembly representatives and asking if they could do something to keep the Levitt Center open the way it has always been.

When looking at schools, Hamilton caught my eye because I realized the vast amount of resources it had at its disposal. In our "strategic plan" it is stated that Hamilton will strive to improve those resources. If this plan is to be implemented, then the first thing it should do is use its current resources to keep the Levitt Center open for students during night hours. Last time I checked, Hamilton's endowment was a little less then half a billion dollars; if that's not enough resource to keep our Levitt Center open, then I don't know what is.

The library may be open until 2am during the week, but having numerous academic facilities open where one can study and "promote models of excellence" is something that will attract the caliber of student that the "strategic plan" is looking for.

If Hamilton wants to attract the nation's best students and enhance its reputation, we need to expand and enhance places like the Levitt Center, so that its reputation can make Hamilton a stronger place.

I would like to this moment to make another crucial point about an impractical and unjust policy here at Hamilton. It is high time to let the RAs of the residence halls have the master keys, so that when students get locked out of their room, they do not have to get charged $10 or more to have their rooms unlocked and take security away from other pressing issues. At the beginning of each semester, all the RAs are given the master keys of their respective floors/buildings to conduct inventories and other school business. Many students have complained that getting charged for a lockout is unfair, and according to one student, "we pay enough tuition, where having to open the doors to our rooms should not be a way to take more money from us".

The solution is simple and has been discussed, but not acted upon: instead of hassling security every time a student gets locked out of his room, let the RAs keep the master keys of their floors, so they can deal with the situation and so students do not have to unfairly pay for a service that should be free. RAs are a responsible and respectable group on campus, and with the excellent professional staff in the Residential Life office, I think that RAs are dependable enough to keep track of the master keys to their. The bottom line of this issue is the bottom line. Either way, whether the idea of giving the keys to RAs goes forward or not, we should eliminate the $10 cost of getting locked out of your room.

It's only the third week of the second semester, if the community comes together like it has in the past we can make the right decisions and continue the pursuit of excellence that began here since 1812.

Through the Years: My Own Manifesto

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My Favorite Make-Out Place: (tie) Between the North Court dance floor or the fireplace room in Rogers Estate.

Least Favorite Make-Out Place: The cold ground on the North Quad

Favorite Diner Employee: Lance, because he made a great grilled cheese and would not hesitate to let you know if you were bothering him.

Least Favorite Diner Employee: Scott, the half-man, half-amazing ice cream junkie who would allow "hot chicks" to cut in front of you in line.

Favorite Bar: Tough one. There are so many to choose from.

Greatest Event I Have Ever Witnessed at Hamilton College: By far the Hamilton College fencing meet that I stumbled upon when looking for a pick up basketball game in the alumni Gym. Crazy kids!

Worst Event I Have ever Witnessed at Hamilton College: Margaret Thatcher's incoherent rant about the Cold War.

Favorite Non-Hamilton Community Member: George from Snip-N-Clips. His sheer passion for NASCAR is matched by no one in the Continental U.S.

2nd Favorite Non-Hamilton Community Member: Adam Tilton

Favorite Social Space: The Burke Library

Least Favorite Social Space: The Annex. It is like a high school gym, but worse I think.

Greatest Change on the Hill: Cable TV. After four unsuccessful attempts at pirating cable, I finally get to enjoy my TRL.

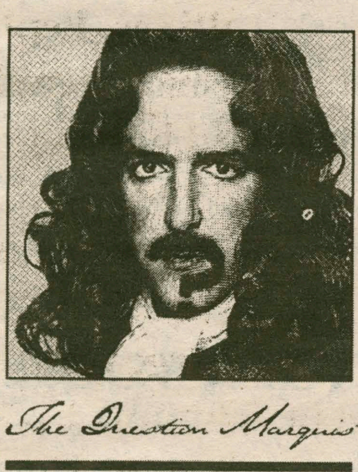
Favorite Time of Year: The first warm day of Spring semester because you see beautiful women on this campus that you never knew existed.

Least Favorite Time of Year: November through March. Otherwise known as winter..

Most Puzzling Issue at Hamilton: Exactly how many student assembly elections are there? Every time I walk through Beinecke, some clown is hassling me to vote. When all I really want is to see if my Sorority Girls Gone Wild video is in.

Person I Despise the Most: Anyone who knowingly cuts me in line during Pub lunch. Just because you are getting salad does not allow you to walk in front of me when I am getting my steamed veggies. That's not how lines work.

Worst Place to Get a Haircut: Mastercuts. These people are terrible. If you need proof, just ask Yuthachai "Top" Charanachitta '01 where his sideburns went last year.



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A: Ah, mon ami. I think I can help you with this. Your female is probably feeling that you spend more time with the library than with her delicate, sensuous frame. (I am making the assumptions about her, but for your sake, I hope that I am right, you know?) But you are having many of the research papers, correct? So you have two options to send you on the path toward a satisfactory loving scenario.

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Option 2. You can challenge her to a duel.

Also, what are sunglasses?

"It is the joke of an imbecile who longs to have my knowledge and looks. Challenge the pig to a duel."

Q: *Dear Question Marquis: My friend sent me this photo. I don't get it. Is it a joke, or is it some deeper commentary on the effect of technology on culture? – Cosmo in Grand Rapids*

A: It is the joke of an imbecile who longs to have my knowledge and looks. Challenge the pig to a duel.

Q: *Dear Question Marquis: How come you know about computers and dot.coms, but you've never heard of sunglasses? – Michelle in Boston*

A: Oh, sunglasses. Of course I know sunglasses. I thought you said "St. Molasses." I am not familiar with that one. The patron saint of sorghum? What?

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Features

Around the potters wheel: A day with an artist

by Katherine Beaulier '01
FEATURES WRITER

I see them in there all the time; a handful of students hunched over pottery wheels, erecting vases and bowls from wet mounds of clay. They are those talented few who find their home away from home in the confines of the Hamilton College clay studio. For most of us, the clay studio exists only as that tiny room behind List buzzing with activity at all hours of the day, but to Hamilton's artistically elite, the clay studio is a haven where artistic expression is a way of life.

"I've been at Hamilton for four years, and this is what keeps me sane. The clay studio is an amazing place, where you can break away from every day life at school and really find yourself," said Aron Steward '01, a Studio Art and Psychology double major who spends her days, and sometimes her nights, working away in the clay studio. Since she is the expert on the inner sanctums of Hamilton's most artistic accommodation (and she also happens to be one of my best friends), Aron agreed to be my guide through this unfamiliar world of porcelain and clay.

"I hope you're wearing clothes that can get messy, because this is not a nice and neat affair," Aron warned me when I showed up for my introduction to the clay studio. After giving me a tour of the amazing facilities, she decided my first lesson would be on the pottery wheel.

Like I said, I've seen students hunched over these pottery wheels, crafting bowls and saucers effortlessly, but the reality is that working with clay is very difficult and frustrating, especially for somebody who breaks glasses and plates on a regular basis! Aron, who has been working with the pottery wheel since high school, is an expert with clay. After many demonstrations by her skilled hands I was finally able to master centering the clay on the wheel. This is the first step in about twenty towards creating a final product!

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

A set of clay pots recently completed by Aron Steward '01 rests on a shelf in the pottery studio to dry.

Clearly, it takes patience to work with clay, but Mitchell Morse '03 assured me, "It gets easier, and it's really relaxing, isn't it?" Mitchell and Aron would both agree on this point, as they spend hours every day working on projects in the studio.

While I bumble with a lump of clay that is nowhere near looking like a bowl, Mitchell shows me a mold he has carved himself which depicts an Egyptian hieroglyphic. He is now in the process of finishing up a vase, which features the detailed mold.

He's obviously very talented, as is every one who passes through the swinging doors into this room. Which leads to the obvious question, is there any competition?

"The clay studio is so unique, because it is filled with good people who really care about what they're creating. I love being here for the art, but I also am surrounded by great people," said Aron on the relationship she has with her artistic peers.

This is evident. I'm a naïve newcomer, but I've got an audience of four applauding me as a struggled to create something salvageable on the wheel. My attempts to elongate the bowl that is slowly forming only end in disaster. Lucky for me, Aron quickly comes to the rescue, mending my mistakes with her able hands.

Okay, so it's going to take some practice, but I'm getting there...and it is relaxing. The whole environment inside the studio is low-key. Music plays, people talk, there is no pressure. Just a few weeks ago Aron finished a dinner place setting for six on the wheel, which seems like hard work, but she says it was her escape.

"Art is therapy. I loved making those dishes; I worked for a week and a half straight in here finishing them up. I think all art acts as therapy and allows us to channel our energies in a positive way."

Aron tells me this as she throws down another ball of clay onto the wheel. She believes in this so strongly, in fact, that next year she plans to move to San Antonio, Texas, a city quickly emerging as the forerunner in art therapy.

I, quite obviously, do not harness the same skill for wheel throwing as Aron, but I have thoroughly enjoyed a few hours in a place where deadlines and pressure seem a distant memory.

And after all this, I have a final product. A little lop-sided, yes, a little stout, and, well, ugly, I'll admit.

But nonetheless, I have created a bowl.

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

The pottery studio in List, a safe haven for a few talented Hamilton students.

Winter weather: Not going away anytime soon

by Elizabeth R. Rabe '04
FEATURES WRITER

Depending on who one questions, one of Hamilton College's greatest charms or vices is its winter weather. As Professor of Geology Barb Tewksbury states, "I love snow. I wouldn't live anywhere else." However, Mike Henriquez '04 from Panama City, Panama disagrees by noting that "It's cold, it's gray, and it seems like its here forever."

Everyone also has his or her own personal description of the winter weather here. Amanda Murphy '04 declares that "it feels like we're in a snow globe and it seems like every night someone keeps shaking it up." Andrew Jillings, Adventure Program coordinator, describes the fickle nature of the weather by stating "The old saying is true. Wait ten minutes and the weather will change here. I don't know what it is going to do from minute to minute."

Michael Tennant '04 summarizes the winter weather by noting that "It seems like the snow falls. Stays there. Then more snow falls and stays there. And every once in awhile for a change we get some freezing rain. But we know that this weather won't disappear until April."

They are all correct. So far this 2000-2001 winter according to the National Weather Service, 118.9 inches of snow have descended from the sky on the Mohawk Valley.

But this winter is a fairly normal one for Upstate New York, the area that receives the most snowfall accumulation east of the Rocky Mountains in the United States. According to the National Weather Service, every winter an average of 153 inches of snow falls on Clinton, New York.

The average early February high is 26 degrees Farenheit while the average early February low is 14 degrees Farenheit. The lowest recorded winter temperature on record for the nearby city of Rome, New York is negative 31 degrees Farenheit.

But what can one do to stay warm in this cold weather? One should follow the advice of one's mother: always wear warm clothing like a coat, a scarf, and mittens outside. But the single most important article of clothing is a hat. Frank Kelleher '03, ex-

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Stop using that four-letter word!

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Show winter some respect, experts say

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ecutive co-officer of the Hamilton Outing Club, asserts that it is necessary to cover ones head with a hat because "you lose the majority of your body heat through your head."

When going outside, Kelleher reminds people to always layer their clothing. One should wear a base layer "to pull away moisture from the body," an insulating layer like fleece "to trap the dead air space," and a wind-proof shell "to protect the body from the cold air."

Also, Jillings emphasizes that one should "wear some damn sensible shoes." The paths are icy and easy to slip and fall on without outdoor shoes.

Besides wearing the proper clothing, some general advice applies to people participating in outdoor activities, like skiing, hiking, and camping for a prolonged period of time.

The Maine State Weather Service reminds its citizens to always "inform somebody of where you are going even if it is just for a couple of hours." Kelleher also suggests that one should carry water and a first aid kit with them.

Because of the fickle nature of the winter weather, a lake effect snowstorm can quickly develop stranding people enjoying these outdoor activities or simply traveling.

For example, in late November a snowstorm struck Buffalo, New York. The storm stranded children at school, parents at work, and some people outside. The low temperatures and large amounts of snowfall associated with Upstate New York winters can make it hard to survive for long periods of time outside in the snow without the proper equipment and preparation.

What should one do if one is stranded outside for a prolonged period of time in winter?

Jillings first recommends that one "should stay put. Unless there is help visibly close by, you will only become further lost making it harder for someone to find you."

After asserting the inability to find help, Robert Hunter Kurtz '01 then suggests that one should "keep yourself warm, and find some sort of shelter to stay dry and out of the wind."

Protection from the wind can be provided by the construction of a snow cave, a form of a rugged snow igloo.

Also to keep warm the Maine State Weather Service advises that one should "exercise from time to time to stimulate circulation, warm extremities, and relieve tense muscles. Occasional clapping of hands and vigorous moving of arms and legs is recommended."

The joys of upstate New York winter weather are here to stay for two more months.

Enjoy the weather and stay safe.

FILE PHOTO

The Little Pub, as seen through a veil of Central New York snow.

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Snow bunny Matthew Speer '03 shows off his gear, including an Elmer Fudd hat and ski jacket.

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Arts & Entertainment

The Wedding Planner is a disaster at the altar!

by Priyanka Khanna '04
A&E WRITER

Mary Fiore (Jennifer Lopez) is a smart, savvy, and beautiful wedding planner. From carrying an emergency kit under her suit jacket (including mints for the drunken father of the bride) to feeding the best man his speech through an ear microphone, she has every situation under control. That is, until she is saved

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They may be pretty, but there is no screen chemestry between Matthew McConaughey and Jennifer Lopez in *The Wedding Planner.*

from a runaway dumpster (?) by Dr. Steve Edison (Matthew McConaughey). Never has a scene been as clumsy for both the audience and the actors.

Although their attraction is evident, it turns out that Edison is the fiancée of Fiore's VIP client, Internet tycoon Fran Donnelly (Bridgitte Wilson-Sampras). Try as she might, Fiore cannot get Edison out of her mind. What makes matters worse is that she has to accompany the happy couple to Napa Valley to scout for a wedding location. This part of the film has to be the stupidest; Edison's dramatic (read:dumb) rescue of Fiore when her horse takes off, the irritating, drunken singing of the mother of the bride, and the wrestling scene that takes place between Edison and Fiore's supposed fiancée Massimo (Justin Chambers) are all cringe-worthy.

The rest of the film continues in the same way. Donnelly goes on a business trip, leaving the wedding arrangements to Fiore and Edison. The week they spend together is replete with pointless incidents (like Fiore getting drunk after seeing an old boyfriend with his pregnant wife) and inane dialogues. You can't help but wait for Donnelly to get back so that the movie can end!

The usually charismatic Lopez and McConaughey fall flat in this film. It doesn't help that there is absolutely no chemistry between them. Lopez's limited skills lead to the same expression whether the scene demands it or not. Even McConaughey's charm can't save this film. Wilson-Sampras tries to give her character as much definition as she can in such a stereotypical role. The film's saving grace? Lopez's clothes. Seriously. That's how bad the film is.

One word for this film: pointless. It lacks everything–good story, good dialogues, and chemistry between the actors. You cannot help but wonder what ever possessed someone to make a movie like this. A sad excuse for a film!

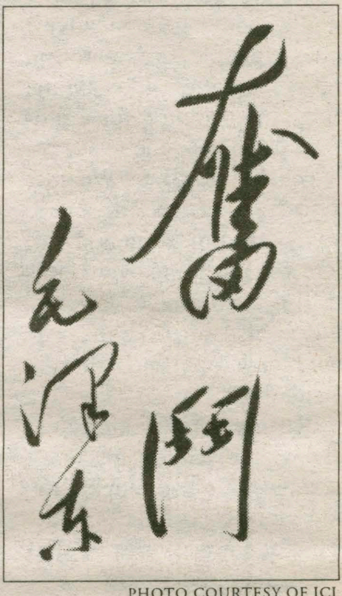
Power of the Word
Contemporary Chinese Art at Emerson Gallery

PRESS RELEASE

POWER OF THE WORD, an exhibition that explores the significance of the written word in contemporary Chinese art, opens at the Emerson Gallery, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY, on January 30. Comprising 59 works in a variety of mediums—painting, drawing, video, photography, graffiti, and printmaking—the exhibition highlights nine contemporary Chinese artists who both celebrate and critique the conventions associated with writing and calligraphy in Chinese culture.

The exhibition is organized by Independent Curators International, New York and curated by Chang Tsong-zung. On view at the Emerson Gallery, Hamilton College through March 30, 2001, it was shown initially at the Taiwan Museum of Art, Taichung, Taiwan, in spring 1999, and comes to Hamilton from the Faulconer Gallery at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa. Additional venues will be announced.

In China, historically, the fine arts sanctioned by scholar-artists (painting, calligraphy, seal carving) maintained an intimate relationship with the art of the word. Indeed, the writing of pictographic words, or calligraphy, was always considered a supreme art form. This unique perspective on the practice of writing and text provides rich materials for rethinking the



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Chinese Art is now in the Emerson Gallery.

relationship between concept and image in contemporary art. *POWER OF THE WORD* departs from traditional Chinese calligraphic art to examine contemporary experimental works

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Pedro The Lion to open for *Low*

by Chris Fogelstrom '03
A&E ASSOCIATE EDITOR

After taking my first listen to *Pedro The Lion*, I was completely speechless, and not because I was astounded by the band's last LP, *The Only Reason I Feel Secure*, or because I was wafted away by the band's musical integrity, either. I was speechless because the band hadn't made any impression on me whatsoever! So, like a good indie listener, I proceeded to listen to the album another ten times. I came away with a pretty positive different perspective on this hard-to-place band.

There are two very important things to remember about *Pedro The Lion*. First, they were one of *Spin* 's "Top Ten Bands You've Probably Never Heard" in 1998. Second, they should have been included in *Spin* 's more appropriate hypothetical list entitled "Top Ten Bands That Aren't Really Bands, but Just Have One Guy Who Does Mostly Everything." This title describes *Pedro The Lion*'s situation perfectly. Front man David Bazan, who writes all of the songs, plays guitar, sings, and occasionally hops on the drums, is the driving force behind the band.

Since their debut in 1996, entitled *Whole*, the rest of the band's lineup has been on a rotating schedule. Since releasing *The Only Reason I Feel Secure* in 1999, a more consistent lineup of Josh Golden on bass and Ben Brubaker on drums has settled in. In 2000, the band joined the likes of other

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The Pledge is off-beat thrill

by Sara Bencivenga '01
A&E WRITER

The film *The Pledge*, Sean Penn's third directing effort, is a good choice for those seeking an off-beat kind of thrill. While not without several flaws, this is the kind of movie that dares to be different; it's not all about perfect heroes, pretty faces, or a prepackaged Hollywood ending. The two main characters, Jerry Black (Jack Nicholson) and Lois (Robin Wright), are both made unattractive to give the film more credibility (Wright has a blackened tooth and little make-up, and Nicholson—well, not much work needs to be done there). The deliberate portrayal of unattractive characters is rare in a major motion picture, and it deserves credit. While most films seek to tell us a story to transport us from reality, *The Pledge* brings a fictional tale closer to us and makes it as real as possible. And due to the gruesome nature of this tale, audience members do

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An uninspired Jack Nicholson and Vanessa Redgrave star in *The Pledge.*

not necessarily have a pleasant experience.

On the day of a party in honor of his retirement, Detective Jerry Black discovers the murder of an eight-year-old girl. Her body has severe lesions and is terribly mutilated; this crime is obviously the work of a deranged psychopath. Everyone's suspicions immediately turn to an Indian with a history of such revolting crimes (played superbly by Benicio del Toro). Jerry, in the mean time, has sworn to the little girl's parents that he will find the killer. After other evidence arises Jerry begins to doubt that the Indian is responsible for that particular murder. Because of his promise to the parents (the "pledge" that the title refers to), Jerry, in spite of the fact that he has retired, now makes it his lifetime goal to find the true murderer. Into the picture comes Lois (Robin

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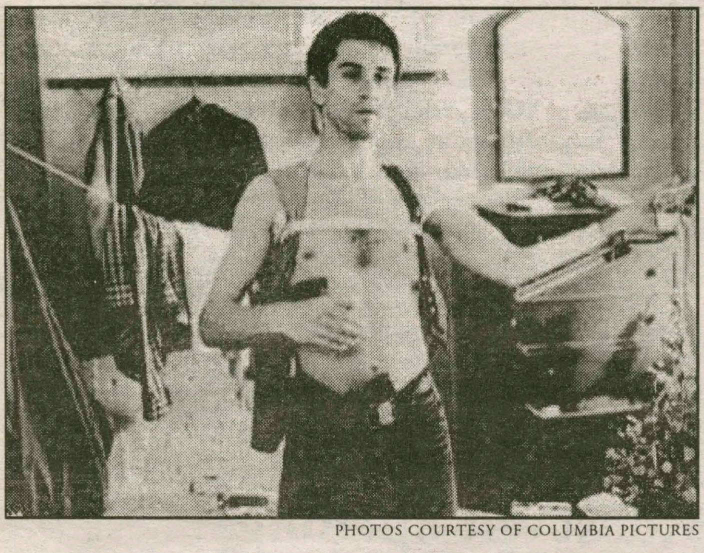

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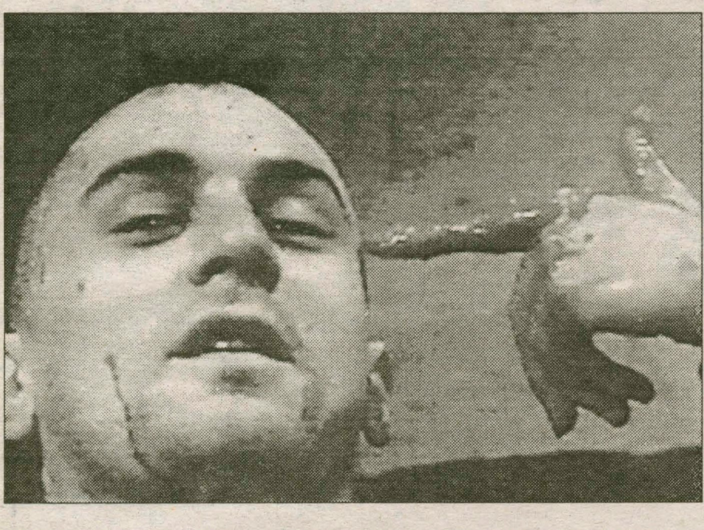

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Power Of The Word exhibit displayed at Hamilton

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that embrace the wider issue of China's culture of the word.

The artists featured in the exhibition represent an extensive range of mediums and artistic backgrounds, from politician to academy-trained artist, from computer programmer to self-trained "outsider." The exhibition does not assume that the audience has prior knowledge of Chinese language or calligraphy. Among the artists are Fung Ming-chip (Hong Kong/New York), Gu Wenda (Shanghai/New York), Qiu Zi-jie (Xiamen), Wu Shan-zhuan (Shanghai/Frankfurt), and Xu Bing (Beijing). The exhibition also includes the work of two "outsider" artists whose paintings demonstrate the power of Chinese words to shape the way illiterate—or minimally literate—people visualize the world: Hung Tung (Taiwan) and Tsang Tsou-choi/King (Kowloon, Hong Kong). In addition, facsimile examples of the calligraphy of Mao Zedong (Hunan/Beijing), considered one of the most influential and accomplished calligraphers of his time, are presented, as is work by Wang Yong-ming, the inventor of the most successful computer-input system of Chinese characters.

The contemporary permutations of calligraphy presented in *POWER OF THE WORD* reflect a fresh understanding of the relationship between language and art, often stimulated by interaction with Western culture. Some of the works interpret the art of the calligraphic word in terms of its visual impact; others illuminate the use of the written word as pictorial art; while still others reflect on Chinese calligraphic tradition from the perspective of foreign cultures, where the meaning of Chinese writing becomes invalid or relative. Some artists introduce an element of absurdity and formal anti-narrative within calligraphic art by undoing the pretense of "meaning" through misprinted, wrongly written, or invented word forms. Still others explore the written word with regard to its function as a pronouncement of power, often in an absurdist and humorous way.

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Hung, Tung Butterfly God , c. 1976 Ink and gouache on paper.

Organization

Chang Tsong-zung is an art critic and scholar living in Hong Kong. His exhibitions on contemporary Chinese and Taiwanese art have been presented at the Kunstmuseum, Bonn; the Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney; the Shanghai Museum of Modern Art; the National Gallery, Beijing; the São Paulo Bienal; and the Venice Biennale, among many other institutions.

POWER OF THE WORD has been made possible, in part, by grants from the Foundation-To-Life, Inc. and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Independent Curators International

For twenty-five years, the nonprofit Independent Curators International (ICI) has sought to enhance the understanding and appreciation of contemporary art. ICI makes this art accessible to the broadest possible public, providing diverse audiences around the globe—many of them not regularly exposed to contemporary art—with innovative, challenging exhibitions. Collaborating with a wide range of distinguished curators to offer exhibitions and catalogues that introduce and document works in all mediums by both emerging and established artists from around the world, ICI is a leader in its field. Since its founding, ICI exhibitions have been seen by over five million people.

The Emerson Gallery is located on the campus of Hamilton College in Christian Johnson Hall, directly behind the college chapel. Gallery hours are weekdays, 10 am to 5 pm, weekends, 1 to 5 pm, during scheduled exhibitions.

Nicholson, *The Pledge* entertain

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Wright), the single mother of a little girl who bears a startling resemblance to the child who was murdered at the beginning of the film. Now Jerry's mission becomes more of a personal one, since he is certain that the murderer has his eyes on Lois's girl.

The Pledge definitely keeps the suspense building and has highly effective pacing. What keeps it from being a top-notch thriller is that Jack Nicholson plays Jack Nicholson again. Nicholson, who has long passed the days of his *One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest* glory, is now a self-absorbed and, frankly, ineffective actor. His character is a lump of clay that remains unchanged by the many experiences that his life brings him. Regardless of whether he's buying a beer, reading a bedtime story, or waiting for the killer, Jerry wears the same disinterested expression on his face from the beginning to the end of the film. *The Pledge* will be especially frustrating to those of us who remember Nicholson when he had thespian vigor. All things considered, I also think that this film could have done away with much of the gore that it displays; there were definitely one too many shots of mutilated eight-year-old girls for my taste, and there was one completely gratuitous–and disgusting–suicide scene.

In spite of all this, *The Pledge* has some well-crafted scenes that are worth mentioning. I liked the scene in which Jerry tells the little girl's parents that she is dead. They are chicken farmers, so the whole scene is shot at the farm. The dialogue can't be heard due to the incessant noise made by the animals (and the tear-jerker soundtrack—maybe I would have gotten rid of that), and that somehow makes the whole scene much more powerful. The final shots are captivating, but I can't say more about them without revealing the ending. Admittedly, there are also a couple of scenes that just didn't work. The scene in which one of the first fights between Lois and Jerry takes place (the acting is unbearable) and the one in which the murdered girl's grandmother (Vanessa Redgrave) tells us about angels that come down to earth when little girls die (completely unnecessary) come to mind.

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Jack Nicholson and Robin Wright Penn star in *The Pledge*.

The Pledge is entertaining, but with more appropriate editing and possibly another lead actor, it could have been a great film.

WHCL Top 30

1) Low
Things We Lost in The Fire

2) Pedro the Lion
Selections from Various Albums

3) Swearing at Motorists
Number 7 Uptown

4) Versus
Hurrah

5) Jebediah
Of Someday Shambles

6) Death Cab for Cutie
Forbidden Love EP

7) Various Artists
Build Your Own Radio

8) Elf Power
The Winter Is Coming

9) Jejune
RIP

10) Cinerama
This Is Cinerama

11) Bright Eyes / Son, Ambulance
Oh Holy Fools

12) The Microphones
It Was Hot, We Stayed in the Water

13) Le Tigre
From the Desk of Mr. Lady

14) ABBC
Tete a Tete

15) Kreidler
s/t

16) Of Montreal
The Early 4 Track Recordings

17) Takako Minekawa
Maxi On

18) Japancakes
The Sleepy Strange

19) Death by Chocolate
s/t

20) Microstoria
Model 3 Step 2

21) Stars
Nightsongs

22) Gentle Waves
Swan Song

23) The Gossip
That's Not What I Heard

24) Actionslacks
The Scene's Out of Sight

25) Math and Science
s/t

26) The Action Time
Versus the World

27) Call and Response
s/t

28) Arlo
Up High...

29) Unisex
Stratosfear

30) Lesser
Gearhound

Pedro The Lion never quits

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fairly established indie bands on Jade Tree, one of the premier indie labels of the times.

All of these things going for them, David Bazan and his band have released their first EP, *Winners Never Quit*, on Jade Tree Records. Bazan, who wrote the EP in its entirety, delivers the same despondent tone that can be found in any of his previous work. His lyrics are heavy and paint extremely honest pictures of the ordinary events of his life. Sad minor chords and unmistakably Christian overtones round–out this effort, which, according to Bazan, will be his darkest to date. Although Bazan himself has stated that *Pedro The Lion* is not a Christian rock band, his nervously-stated, honest lyrics portray a man struggling with faith and religion as two separate entities. *Pedro The Lion*'s concert with *Low* at Hamilton this February 15th should provide an interesting mix of the band's older, upbeat, and poppy tunes and their newest laments. One thing is certain about this band: there are no tricks. Bazan's clan promises honest lyrics, genuine songwriting ability, and a look into the soul of the songwriter, David Bazan.

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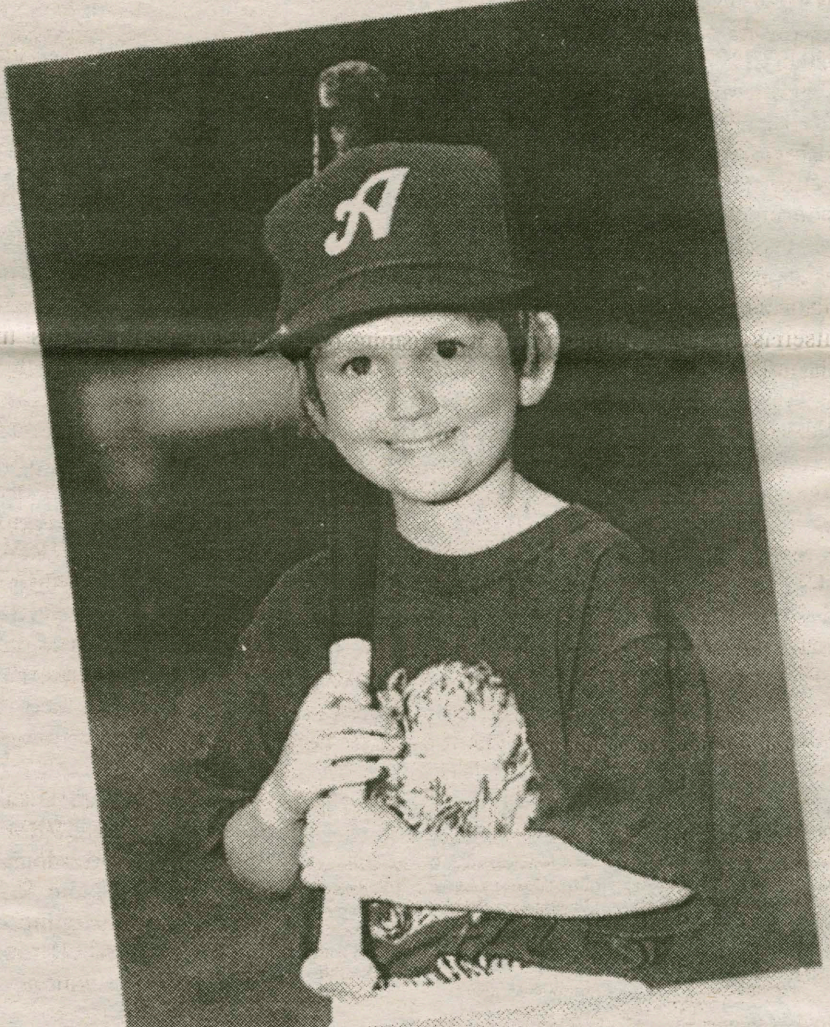

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The Science pages

Where does your water come from?

The Spec takes a closer look at the area's water supply, possibly one of the cleanest in the nation

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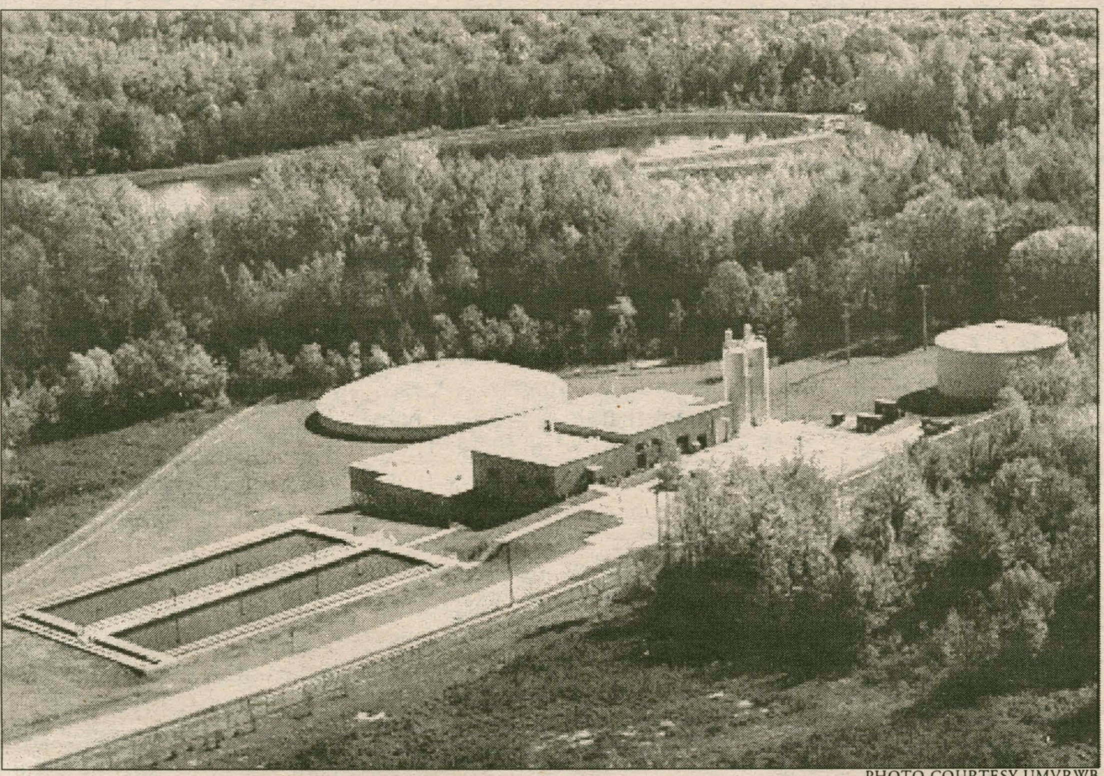

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The Upper Mohawk Valley Regional Water Board purification and treatment facility. Suspended elements are removed in the two rectangular contact basins, left. The water is then treated with other chemicals to remove contaminants.

Many of us have wondered about the quality of Hamilton's tap water, but surprisingly, the water coming from your faucet has undergone stringent federal testing not once, but twice before it reaches your toothbrush. The water we drink is extremely safe, and there is evidence to suggest that it could quite possibly be of a better quality than the water that you grew up drinking at home.

Hamilton's water does not, thankfully, come from the reservoirs that we swim in during the summer. Rather, it originates 20 miles north of Utica from a man-made lake known as the Hinckley Reservoir. The reservoir, named for the town that was flooded during the artificial lake's creation in the early 1900s, is the result of a multi-purpose dam built on the Canada Creek. The dam itself is an enormous structure that not only creates a vast water supply for the city of Utica, but also generates a significant amount of electricity for the Niagara-Mohawk Power Company.

Feeding the reservoir is a watershed of 374 square miles, the vast majority of which is undeveloped, unused forest. With only one highway crossing the watershed (Route 8), many of the smaller streams and ponds would take as long as a three day hike to reach. The source of the water in the reservoir is clean and pure.

The reservoir itself is huge, moderately developed and open to the public under the auspices of the New York Power Authority for recreational use. It is a popular retreat for fishing, boating, and swimming during warmer months, and upon investigation this winter there was evidence of snowmobile traffic across its frozen surface.

Local bylaws and ordinances regulate the construction of buildings such as boathouses or permanent docks on the reservoir shoreline. Overall, however, the extensive monitoring, government reports, and resulting data indicate that the treatment process the water undergoes leaves little concern regarding recreational use endured throughout the year.

The water we drink enters one of two pipes at the dam. One pipe is 36 inches, the other is a slightly smaller 24 inches. Through the pipes the water travels approximately 1.5 miles to the multi-million dollar, state-of-the-art treatment plant, which is maintained, owned, and operated by the Upper Mohawk Valley Regional Water Board (UMVRWB). The UMVRWB, the water company that sells Hamilton its water, is highly vigilant not only about standard problems that all water companies face, but also about problems it hopes never to face.

One potential catastrophe for which the UMVRWB is preparing is a hazardous waste spill along Route 8. The MVRWB is mapping out both toxin travel time (within the watershed) as well as action plans for mobilization and cleanup. Furthermore, the company is one of only six water departments in the country registered and equipped to routinely monitor for specific types of parasites.

Upon arrival to the treatment plant, Hamilton's water is under the full control of the MVRWB, and it begins the extensive process of purification. This process begins first by running the water through a hydroelectric turbine (the water is moving too fast and needs to be slowed), from which the power generated is sold to Niagara-Mohawk, helping to reduce consumer water costs. After leaving the turbine, the water moves to one of two giant contact basins (basically giant swimming pools), where coagulants are added to force suspended particles in the water to join.

The water sits in the contact basins for at least 45 minutes, allowing maximum effectiveness of both the coagulants and other initial chemicals (used to adjust pH and kill bacteria and algae). The water then enters stage one of the filtering process, the clarifier, where the largest of the groups of suspended particles (known as flock) are removed. The water then travels through a finer filter of 48 inches of gravel, garnet, sand and anthracite, resulting in clean, clear, almost ready-to-drink water.

After the filtration process chlorine and fluoride are added for bacteria and health concerns. Lime and soda ash are also added to decrease the corrosive properties of the water, helping to reduce lead and other heavy metal contamination in homes with older piping or water mains. After the addition of these chemicals, the water must sit for 60 minutes in the clearwell tank, again to maximize the diffusion and effectiveness of the chemicals.

The entire process is regulated by two fully computerized control rooms and is monitored by both human and computer at every step. Operating its own on-sight testing lab, the plant tests the water throughout the treatment process for strict adherence to state and federal contaminant levels. The plant itself runs 24 hours a day, requiring a full-time staff of seven people. It produces an average of 21 million gallons of potable water every day.

After the water leaves the treatment facility, it travels to the base of the hill before Hamilton takes over. It takes an estimated three to seven days to travel from the dam at the Hinckley reservoir to the base of the hill.

Hamilton, due to its nature as a provider of water not only for the entire campus but also for many of the surrounding houses as well, is in the unique position of being subject to state and federal laws as a water district. This means that the college is required to file water testing and quality reports with the government on a regular basis. Because of this, when the UMVRWB water reaches Hamilton's pumps, the college must ensure that the water it will then be selling to its consumers (yes, included in your

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Comparison of Tap Water vs Bottled Water

Water Type	Disinfection required	Confirmed E. coli & Fecal Coliform banned	Testing frequency for bacteria	Must filter to remove pathogens or have strictly protected source	Test for Protozoan Pathogens	Testing frequency for most synthetic chemicals
Bottled Water	No	No	1/ week	No	No	1/ year
Seltzer or carbonated water	No	No	None	No	No	None
Public Tap water	Yes	Yes	Hundreds/ month	Yes	Yes	quarterly (Or waivers available for clean source waters)

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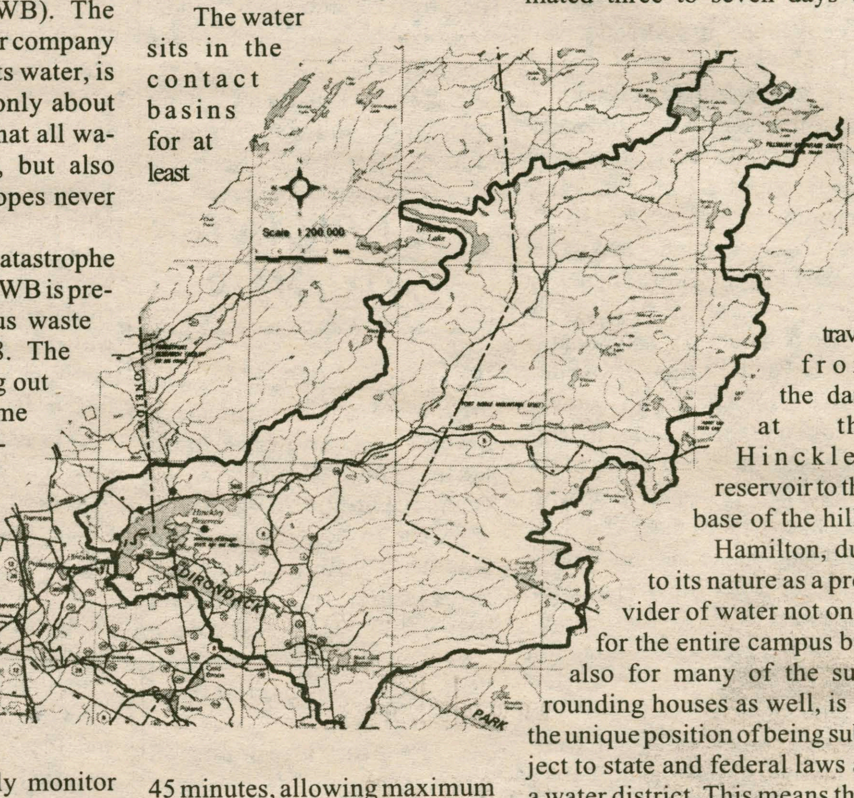

Standards for public drinking water are often far more stringent than for bottled water. At right, a map of the UMVRWB watershed.

VIEWPOINTS

Why I'm moving to Canada

When I first heard that George W. Bush was running for president, I thought, "We'd never elect another George Bush." Thank God I was right! The November elections were won overwhelmingly by choice D, none of the above.

Some 49.3 percent of the US population voiced its frustration with the US political process by boycotting the elections and not voting. In a distant second was Republican - I mean Democrat - Al Gore. In a close third was George W. Bush, our 43rd US president.

Even before he was crowned - I mean sworn in - amid a crowd who paid $50 each to witness the ceremony, Bush began appointing people to his new cabinet. Among the most controversial is Gale Norton, Bush's nominee for Secretary of the Interior, the post responsible for managing federal lands.

Norton has called herself a "conservative and conservationist." Her supporters, represented at www.galenorton.com, liken her to Teddy Roosevelt for her stewardship model of environmental preservation. Unless you are the CEO of a large petroleum or logging company, the praise ends there.

The Sierra Club, Wilderness Society, and many other prominent, mainstream, moderate conservation organizations summarize Norton's biography in one

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sentence: "Norton is, 'an ideological extremist who has worked for more than two decades to systematically dismantle our nation's environmental protections." This career of dismantling environmental protections was just what Bush was looking for in a Secretary of the Interior.

All major new services, from MSNBC to CNN to the LA Times, emphasize that Norton, like Bush, is a supporter of opening the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling. It is likely that this willingness to open a National Wildlife Refuge to environmentally devastating procedures in order to boost crude oil production is a reason why she was chosen for Secretary of Interior in the first place.

A terrifying paradox that made her a candidate for the job was that she does not support the policies of the institution that she will be heading. Moreover, Greenpeace estimates that there is only a one-year supply of oil for the US in the Alaskan Wilderness. It is a stopgap solution at best. The exorbitant costs of drilling in Alaska would be better used on a long-term solution of alternative energy. Republicans fancy themselves the economically conscious party but seem unable to comprehend the long term cost savings of alternative energies.

Norton has argued in favor of a "right to pollute." She was quoted in the conservative Harvard Law Journal as saying, "We might even go so far as to recognize a homesteading right to pollute or make noise in an area." This coincides with the policy of self-audit for corporations that she implemented while attorney general of Colorado.

The policy says that if corporations can identify and fix environmental problems, then they are not subject to litigation. The thought is that states will not have to invest as much money into environmental regulation, and corporations will feel more responsible if they can fix problems without fear of litigation. Not surprisingly, the most outspoken proponents of this policy, according to CNN, are large polluters.

Theoretically, corporations already know what laws they are breaking and should regulate themselves. Since they do not, judicial penalties are necessary. Self-regulation would take away the only thing forcing many corporations to obey the law. It is like telling a rapist that he can go free if he promises never to do it again.

Norton's main environmental qualification for the job is serving as president of the Coalition of Republican Environmental Advocates, a group founded in 1998 that serves to justify corporate policies with environmental jargon. Their mission is to put "sound science over emotionalism and common sense over extremism."

According to MSNBC, major donors are energy companies and associations representing mining, logging, chemicals and coal. Even republicans criticize the group. Republicans for Environmental Protection described the coalition as showing "no signs of being either grassroots or pro-environment. The word 'greenscam' comes first to mind."

Norton was a delegate to the 1980 Libertarian Convention, a political party that has advocated the sale of some state lands and the abolition of the bureau of land management. Now she will be responsible for managing state lands.

I will not bother explaining her views on issues other than environmentalism except to say that four years ago in an interview published by the Denver Post, she supported the confederacy. She also said that "we certainly had bad facts in that case where we were defending slavery while defending state sovereignty," trivializing the issue of slavery to "bad facts."

The Senate confirmed Norton on Tuesday by a vote of 75-24, and we will have to deal with her policies for 4 years. Hopefully, when Bush leaves office there will still be public lands. A few days before her confirmation I went to www.georgewbush.com, where there is an online application for Bush cabinet appointments. I completed an application, and I'll be waiting for a call from the president congratulating me on my appointment as Secretary of the Interior.

Thinking in 4-D

Imagine being the only being in the world. You live on a point, in the zeroeth (0th) dimension, and you cannot move. You are both the king and the subjects of this world. But it's pretty lonely in pointland. Or is it?

You would not even know that it's possible for other humans to exist. You cannot even conceive of a land with other people.

Now imagine your world stretching into a line of the first dimension, where you have an infinite number of neighbors to the left and the right of you, but none in front or behind you. The sequence of people in this lineland can never change, because people cannot jump over each other, as that would be moving in the second dimension, of which you cannot even conceive.

This second dimension would be a place called flatland, where you can move north, south, east, and west. This land has much more freedom than the land of one dimensions. If you were to go back and visit that limiting land, you would be able to see the long row of people...and their insides! But there are limitations to this land.

If a river were to run from the north to the south, infinitely in both directions, it would be impossible to ever get to the other side. Why? Because they cannot jump over the river, because that would be moving in the third dimension. These flatlanders just accept a river as something that can never be crossed, since they cannot even conceive of being able to jump over it.

Now let's take a look at our own world, the world of three dimensions. We are so much

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better off than flatlanders, who are limited to their flat plane of a world. Not only can we move north, south, east, and west, we can move up and down! And if we were to visit flatland, we would be able to see their intestines digesting their flat burgers! This is because we can look down and see inside of them. So what is the fourth dimension?

The fourth dimension puzzles the most brilliant mathematicians and physicists. We are limited by our three dimensions, and thinking about the fourth dimension for more than ten minutes would give most people a massive headache. But we can use what we know about the fourth dimension to help us understand the fourth. Let's consider the patterns already discussed. An inhabitant of the fourth dimension would be an amazing surgeon, able to perform operations without even having to cut through our skin!

They would also be able to move in another way than we can even imagine. There are some theories that the fourth dimension is time. Imagine if we could move through time. We would be able to move into the past and future! The experience would be for us as jumping over the river in the third dimension would be for a flatlander.

When one thinks of the fourth dimension as time, it's easy to start thinking about religion. Throughout history, there have been sightings of religious statues that have cried tears or blood. If fourth dimensional creatures have easy access to our insides, then this would not be a hard task; however, it would seem impossible to us.

God can see our thoughts and ideas. There is also this idea that God has always existed and always will exist. For Him, our life is like the blink of an eye. If we could move in this time dimension, perhaps our lives would also seem short; if we can understand how to move forever through space, which is definitely conceivable, then an inhabitant of the fourth dimension would find nothing funny with having time go on forever.

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WATER STORY

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tuition you are paying a fee for your water use) meets or exceeds the appropriate health standards.

Hamilton adds more chlorine to the water due to the fact that "the chlorine levels are a little bit low," according to Frank Marsicane, associate director of Physical Plant. From the pumping station, the water travels to a one million gallon storage tank near the reservoirs (the big gray concrete cylinder with a fence around it, if you have ever wandered through the area), where it waits to enter the pipes and come out of your faucets and showers.

To compare the quality of Hamilton's water, a district for the home town of a fellow student was selected. Rockland County, NY follows the western shores of the Hudson, borders northern New Jersey, and is serviced by United Water New York. Almost entirely one water district, Rockland County's water is primarily well-water (70%), with the remainder being taken from the Lake DeForest Reservoir.

Surprisingly, a comparison of Rockland's water quality with UMVRWB's reveals only a few minor differences. While the water companies are required to test for inorganic and organic chemicals, as well as microbes, most contaminants exist at levels too minute to be detected accurately.

Although still well below EPA limits, in 1999 Rockland County's water had higher concentrations of several contaminants, including barium and trihalomethanes (THMs). THMs, such as the common solvent chloroform, are a minor byproduct of chlorine use, and they are harmful in significant amounts. In general, UMVRWB had consistently less contamination than Rockland County.

For many of the chemicals, if the observed level of contamination were exactly equal to the maximum contaminant level (MCL), an average person would have to drink 2 liters of water a day for an average lifetime to have a significant chance of experiencing that particular health problem.

Random science trivia

How old is the earth?

A. 10 billion years
B. 4.6 billion years
C. 1.2 billion years
D. 11 thousand years

Men have nipples because:

A. An ancestral form of the male produced milk
B. Zygotes develop nipple cells before sex is determined
C. Men really want to be women
D. They're fun

Marie Curie is famous for discovering which element?

A. Plutonium
B. Hydrogen
C. Radium
D. Oregano

Answers: 1 (B, D if you're a creationist); 2 (B); 3 (C)

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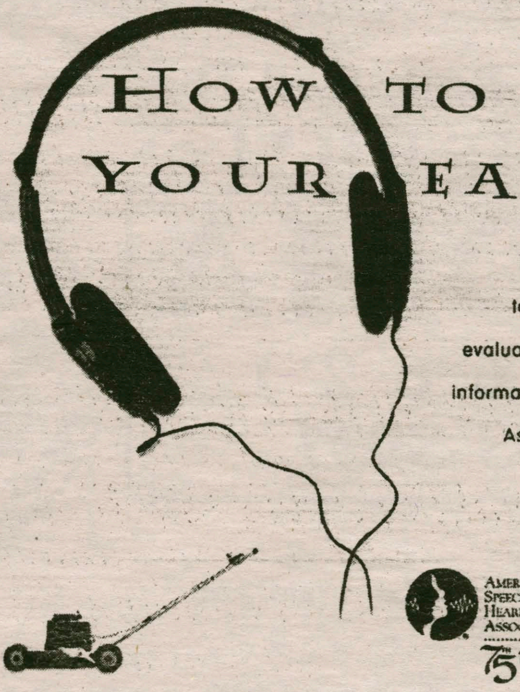

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Women's Hockey drops games to RPI, UVM

by Elizabeth Crispino '01
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton women's hockey team came into this past weekend facing two tough teams: the University of Vermont and RPI.

They came out of the weekend having lost both games, but playing their best hockey to date. The UVM team came into Friday's game sporting an 11-6 record, better than the Continentals' record of 7-7.

The team knew that this would be a tough match up and that they needed to be mentally and physically prepared for the challenge. The first period saw UVM fire nine shots on Hamilton's goal, while Hamilton fired off ten.

At the 18:50 mark in the period, Paula Dady '03 found the back of the UVM net off a pass from Kathleen Lubin '01 and Maggie Sayer '02. UVM answered back at 11:18 with a goal netted by Maike Camp.

The second period was almost identical to the first, with

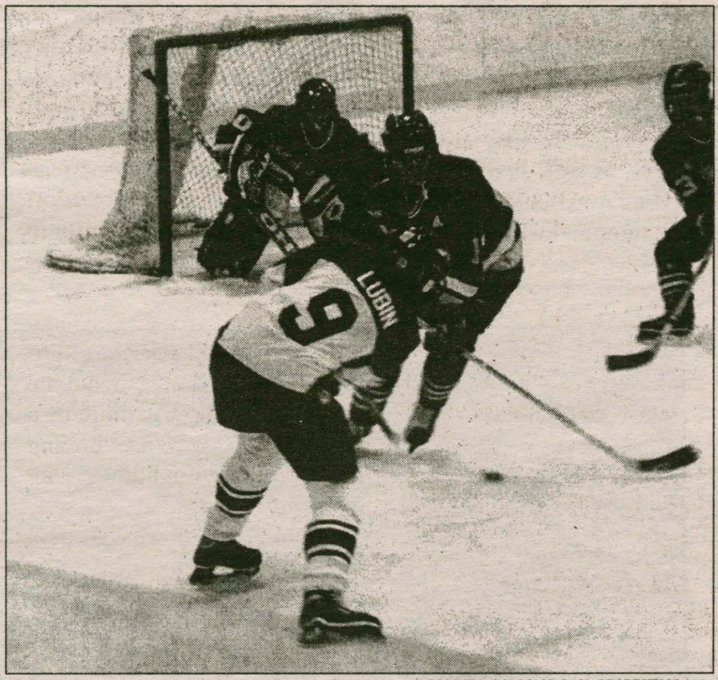

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Captain Kathleen Lubin '01 puts a one-timer on goal during the Continentals' recent contest against RPI.

Hamilton and UVM each scoring once. Sarah Baldwin '04 scored for Hamilton off a pass from Meghan Stasz '01.

The third period, however, proved to be the turning point in the game for UVM. The girls from Hamilton were worn down, both mentally and physically, from the previous two hard-fought periods.

Within five minutes of each other, UVM put away three goals, leaving the game with a 5-2 win over the Continentals.

Jen Kroleski '03 played a terrific game in goal for Hamilton, making 27 saves. Up next for the Continentals the following day was a tough RPI team.

Having exhausted themselves the previous day, it is obvious that the team would be hurting entering this match up.

RPI sported a 9-6-2 record entering the contest, making themselves a tough opponent for the Continentals. The first period was an indicator of Hamilton's exhaustion, as RPI scored three goals.

However, Hamilton was not about to give up. They regrouped in between periods to refocus their game.

The team went out strong and fought hard with the RPI team, with Dady scoring her second goal of the weekend, making the score 3-1.

Unfortunately, the strength of the RPI team overtook the Continentals in the third period as RPI scored their fourth and final goal, leading to a 4-1 final.

This game showed the perseverance of the team as they faced two tough teams in two days, with the girls playing right with their opponents.

Coach Shannon Bryant remarked, "We are playing the best hockey we've played all year, playing disciplined in our systems consistently throughout the weekend. Unfortunately, our effort and perseverance couldn't get us a W."

Up next for the hockey team are MIT and Southern Maine this weekend.

Women's Hoops takes on Clarkson

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strength for Hamilton, was a problem, as the bigger Ithaca players dominated the boards, especially on the offensive glass.

Hamilton's leading rebounder was Russell, who pulled down six caroms. "We let the referees get to us against Ithaca, and I think that we lost our composure," said Diehl.

Hamilton's lack of composure allowed Ithaca to shoot the ball very well, and they finished with 42 percent accuracy. The Continentals, on the other hand, were able to put the ball in the hoop only 33 percent of the time.

"We just didn't have a good performance," said Pogonowski, "and the team chemistry wasn't there. You would have thought it was our first time playing together."

The loss dropped the Continentals to 8-7 on the year, with eight more games left to play on the schedule.

The improvement from last season is certainly clear, as Hamilton won only six games overall in the 1999-2000 campaign.

"We are a lot bigger in size (this year)," commented Chiaputti, "but we are not very experienced in the post, besides Abby (McDermott). It always takes a season or two to build chemistry with your teammates, but I'm optimistic about the rest of this season."

With a very good chance to double their win total of last year, the Continentals are continuing to improve each and every game, giving their coaches, their fans, and themselves reason for such optimism.

With a skilled, inexperienced frontcourt, and the veteran backcourt of Russell and Chiaputti, the Continentals will continue to compete on a nightly basis despite their overall youth.

Men's Track gains experience at Hamilton Invitational

by Amanda Chase '03
SPORTS WRITER

The men's indoor track and field team got a good workout at last Sunday's Hamilton Invitational meet. All of the team's members got experience in different areas and ran some nice times.

Captains Scott Taylor '01 and Sam Brown '01 led the team, each notching a victory and knocking seconds off their times from last week.

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Hamilton's Marc Petrivelli '01 competes during the Hamilton Invitational. The host Continentals finished fourth, and recorded some much improved times.

Brown won the 1000 meter run in 2:36.43, automatically qualifying for the state meet, NYSCTCs, and the regional meet, ECACs. Doug Zeyak '02 followed behind Brown for a second-place finish with a time of 2:39.52. Taylor took the 1500 meter run in 4:10.73, improving over seven seconds from the week before.

Paul Jones '03 came in third in the race with a 4:18.49. Brown, Jones, Taylor, and Zeyak also combined to make the men's Distance Medley Relay Team.

The DMR, as this relay is commonly known, involves a combination of a 1200 leg, followed by a 400, then an 800, and finished up with a 1600 leg. The members combined for a third place finish with a time of 11:33.32. Elijah "Juice" Huling '04 was again a triple-event place-holder. Huling took second in the 55 meter dash with a time of 6.92 seconds and placed third in the open 200 with a 24.17. Huling was also a member of the 4x200 meter relay team which took third in their race. Marc Petrivelli '01 also competed in the same three events as Huling. Petrivelli had a solid fifth-place finish in the 55 with a 6.98. Petrivelli also took fifth in the open 200 with a 24.78.

He was also a member of the third place 4x200 relay. Greg Zalasky '04, Dave Cost '03, and James Cole '01 also all had strong performances in the 55 meter dash, the open 200, and the 4x200 relay.

Andrew "Goon" Magoun '03 took third place and improved his time over last week's in the 55 meter hurdles.

Magoun did the hurdles in 8.62 in the preliminary race and 8.61 in the finals. Tom Alberi '03 also competed in the hurdles. Seth O'Bryan '01 took fourth in the men's 500 with a time of 1:15.14.

O'Bryan remarked, "There were some good races on Sunday, especially the 1000, but the meet as a whole was more of a training day, as we are looking more down the road to the state meet and ECACs."

Mike Thompson '03 took fourth place in the men's 400 with a time of 53.52, a slight improvement over last week's time. Thompson also ran a leg of the third place 4x200 relay. Dan Leonard '03 and Dave Salmon'01 also ran the 400 with times of 58.03 and 60.77. Salmon competed in the 55 as well as the two relays.

John Damaske '02 ran a 9:23.27 in the men's 3000 taking fourth place. Nate Arnold '03 and Steve Guditus '01 had sound runs in the 5000 with times of 16:55.7 and 17:52.0. Arnold's time grabbed fifth place points for the team.

Andy Inglis '01 competed in the pole vault and a relay for Hamilton. Inglis took fifth place in the pole-vault and commented, "We lost many points in the field events such as the pole-vault due to heavy competition and our lack of depth in those events." Inglis, Ryan Palmitesso '03, and Sandro Mei '04 were Hamilton's only competitors in field events on Sunday.

Palmitesso competed in the shot put and high jump for the team taking sixth place in the high jump. Palmitesso jumped 1.78 meters, tying his jump from last week. Mei competed in the 35 pound weight throw and threw it 9.4 meters.

Taylor commented, "Overall, we performed well but because we were missing some people in critical areas, we were unable to score the points needed to be more competitive."

The men's team was missing numerous individuals due to injuries and sickness, including tri-captain Karl Bressler '01, and powerhouses Ryan Murelli '02, Darren Block '01, and Tony Coudert '01.

Hamilton remains optimistic, looking forward to continuing hard work and future success.

O'Bryan added, "Be prepared for some breakthrough performances in outdoor track and field as the team continues to show grit and mental toughness day in and day out, at practices and the meets."

Injury, sickness hinder Women's Track

Women take second place despite adverse conditions

by Michael Everhart '02
SPORTS WRITER

The women's indoor track and field team showed its strength and resiliency by finishing second in the Hamilton Invitational last Sunday, 30.5 points behind Ithaca College and 13.5 points ahead of SUNY Geneseo.

Maggie Hanson '02, Kate Nelson '01, and Barb Dalgish '03 each finished first in at least one event. Hanson's winning times of 4:44.31 and 2:24.62 in the 1,500-meter and 800-meter runs qualified her for the ECAC Championships.

She remarked, "People switched events a lot prior to the meet last Sunday due to injuries, illness, or strategy."

Nelson's winning time of 17:44.31 in the 5,000-meter run qualified her for ECAC's and provisionally for the NCAA Championships. Dalgish's winning height of 2.43 meters in the pole vault provisionally qualified for the NYSCTC Championships and was a personal best for the rookie.

"I'm happy with how we did on Sunday against some very good NYSCTC competition. We hung with some of the best teams in the NYSCTC," said Coach Ellen Hull.

In the first event of the day the team got off to a good start with the return of Sherri Hamlette '01 to competition. She finished fifth in the weight throw with a distance of 12.26 meters while Melissa Carlinhos '04 finished fifteenth with a distance of 6.62 meters. In the shot put Courtney Robbins '03 and Hamlette finished tenth and twelfth with distances of 8.84 and 8.79 meters.

In the triple jump, Anna Arnold '04 finished third with a distance of 10.05 meters while Janet Davis '01 finished tenth in the long jump with a distance of 3.89 meters.

Meghan Mullaney '03 and Dalgish finished seventh and ninth in the high jump with heights of 1.37 and 1.32 meters, while Mullaney finished fifth in the pole vault with a height of 1.98 meters.

In the sprint events the 400-meter and 200-meter dashes were the team's strongest events. In the 400, tri-captain Cristina Freyre '02 finished third with a time of 1:03.71 and was followed by Tricia Kowalski '03, Chapman, and Meg Swertlow '04 in fourth, ninth and thirteenth place.

Freyre also finished third in the 200 with a time of 29.07 seconds, and was followed by tri-captain Lynne Myrth '01, Lizzy Fazio '04, Kowalski, and Davis in fifth through seventh and ninth place. The 55-meter dash saw the return of Julie Elmuccio '02 from injuries. Arnold and Myrth finished fourth and sixth with times of 7.98 and 8.10 seconds, while Fazio, Elmuccio, and Marian Miller '01 finished ninth, tenth, and fourteenth.

"The spirit of the team was really fabulous on Sunday because everyone came out to cheer for each other at different events, and kept up a great team attitude. We have an outstanding group of girls this year and our season is off to a great start," praised Myrth.

In the 500-meter dash, Chase and Stroud finished third and fifth with times of 1:24.85 and 1:27.02. In the 1,000-meter run Jen Cammarano '03 finished second with a time of 3:11.30, which qualified her for ECACs. She was followed by tri-captain Emily Hill '01 and Christine Campbell '04 in seventh and eighth place.

Following Hanson in the 800 and 1,500 were Jane Taylor '04 and Kristen Daly '01 in tenth and twelfth place, and Lauren Perkins '04 in twelfth place, respectively.

In the 3,000-meter run Alyson Grant '04 finished third with a time of 10:48.5. Until the last 600 meters of the race she was in a tight pack with the top two finishers.

"The Hamilton Invitational was a real success for the women. We overcame some very tough competition to win the meet. We did this despite missing some runners to illness or injury and with several coming off recent injuries," commented Hill.

The team finished third in each of the relay events. Hanson, Cammarano, Taylor, and Chapman's finished the 4x400 meter relay in 4:35.22, in the distance medley relay Nelson, Hill, Chase, and Perkins' time was 13:28.08, and in the 4x200 meter relay Stroud, Kowalski, Myrth, and Freyre's time was 1:57.35.

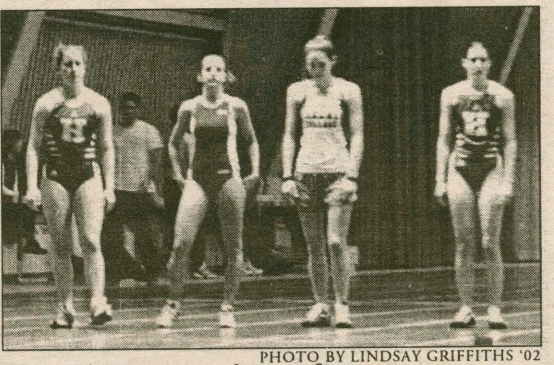
On Sunday the team will compete in the Colgate Invitational against Colgate, SUNY Buffalo, Lehigh University, RPI, Canisius College, and SUNY Albany. Out of all of these schools, Hamilton and RPI are the only Division III schools, so the competition will be very strong.

Last year the team finished fourth behind Lehigh, Colgate, and Buffalo. Hull said, "While we want to do well, we're focusing more on getting people qualified for ECACs and NYSCTCs. Colgate has probably the nicest facilities out of any school we'll visit all season."

Hanson added, "We hope to put a really fast distance medley relay together for Colgate. Qualifying for nationals is within our reach. Kate Nelson and I will both be running the 5000-meter run next weekend. Coming off her great performance on Sunday, we're both psyched to work together and run fast. 25 laps can get lonely without some competition!"

Last year at Colgate, Hanson set the team record in the 5,000. "Sunday's performance bodes well for the future when hopefully everyone will be healthy and running in top form.

The Colgate Invite should be a good opportunity to improve times and try to gain qualifying marks, because the spikeable track is fast," remarked Hill. This is the only time all season that the team will get to wear spikes indoors.



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Hamilton women's track runners gear up for a race last weekend.

Utah's original dynamic duo still showing the league how it's done

Flashy superstars make all of the headlines and money in professional sports today, but are these the athletes who truly embody our ideal of sport?

In my struggle to decide this, I considered Mario Lemieux, Tiger Woods, Vince Carter, and Pedro Martinez.

BRETT ZALASKI

The Point After

However, I settled on two athletes who continue to defy convention and age.

My two choices are polar opposites, yet remain as tight as a tightrope. One is six feet, eight inches of perfectly sculpted muscle.

The other is six feet nothing of skin and bone. Despite their differences, John Stockton and Karl Malone have been and continue to be one of the most successful tandems in the history of sports.

When Stockton joined the Jazz as their first round pick in 1984, the team had never experienced a winning season. Malone joined the squad the following season, and since then the Jazz have never had a losing season.

Since 1986, the Jazz has only had one season in which they won less than 50 games. Between the two of them, Stockton and Malone have 24 all-star appearances.

In the free agency of today, to find one athlete who has spent 15 years with the same team is incredible; to find two as talented as Malone and Stockton is unheard of.

Yet there they are, year in and year out, Stockton to Malone off the pick and roll, and the Jazz wins.

Last season the Jazz won only 50 games, and rumors were circulating around the league that the two just didn't have it anymore. Doubters whispered that each had lost at least one step, and the Jazz was just not the same team.

With only small roster changes the Jazz is basically the same team this year, and yet they are 29-15.

They boast a one game lead in the competitive NBA Midwest conference. Critics are wondering how the dominance of the Jazz has returned.

I say it never left. This is a team less than three years removed from the NBA Finals, and it is still a perennial playoff team. What is more, they still have Stockton and Malone.

People say that the duo cannot be the source of the Jazz's rediscovered dominance, for their numbers are in decline. But to understand the reason for the Jazz's success it is necessary to analyze the play of the amazing twosome more closely.

Malone has career averages of 26 points per game and 11 rebounds per game. This year his numbers have dipped to 23 ppg and nine rpg.

What people don't notice are the increases in the other statistical categories of the NBA's second all-time leading scorer.

The addition of Donyell Marshall and the reemergence of Bryon Russell as a legitimate scorer have taken a lot of the scoring load off of Malone.

Because of this Malone is taking fewer shots, making a higher percentage of his shots, has decreased his turnovers, and has increased his assists.

In other words, he is adapting his game to his current ability level, and to that of his team.

He remains one of the most dominant players in the game when he has to be, but he has learned to remain in the background when Stockton, John Starks, Donyell Marshall, or Russell take over the game.

He then focuses on creating for them. The Jazz is a better team because of this.

The same can be said of Stockton. While Stockton's key numbers are down (12 points and nine assists from 13 points and 11 assists), he remains one of the premier point guards in the league.

Stockton is increasing his value by playing fewer minutes, giving more time to backup Jacque Vaughn, and thus being fresher for the fourth quarter. This has led to better overall play by Stockton, and the emergence of Vaughn as one of the top backups in the league.

Because of his more efficient play, Stockton has decreased his turnovers, increased his rebounds, and increased his shooting percentage (over 50% from behind the three-point line).

Stockton and Malone are 38 and 37 years old, respectively, and both will turn a year older before the season is out.

They remain one of the best running sports stories. Each is a future hall-of-famer, and each has redefined his position on the court.

If a player wants to emulate a point guard he would do well to observe John Stockton. If a player desires to play power forward, he ought to follow the play Karl Malone. Utah is a long way from snowy Clinton, and news of the Jazz's achievements does not send shockwaves through Ham Tech.

But with the new addition of cable to our rooms, if the Jazz is on, you should watch. They will teach you about teamwork and selflessness.

Lemieux and Jagr are more famous, Jordan and Pippen have more championships, and Gehrig and Ruth have more mystique, but no tandem has done it longer and better than Stockton and Malone.

Beat the Experts

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. "Beat the Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever guest handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our stunningly beautiful and devilishly handsome sports editors, Lauren and Andy, as well as his or her picture in *The Spectator*.

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NBA						
Orlando at Philadelphia 2/2	76ers	76ers	76ers	76ers	76ers	76ers
Charlotte at LA Lakers 2/2	Hornets	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers
Houston at San Antonio 2/3	Spurs	Spurs	Spurs	Spurs	Spurs	Rockets
Minnesota at Toronto 2/3	Wolves	Wolves	Wolves	Wolves	Raptors	Wolves
NY Knicks at Miami 2/4	Heat	Knicks	Knicks	Heat	Heat	Heat
Sacramento at LA Lakers 2/4	Kings	Lakers	Lakers	Kings	Lakers	Lakers
Charlotte at Phoenix 2/4	Suns	Hornets	Hornets	Suns	Hornets	Suns
NCAA						
UCLA at #1 Stanford 2/3	Cardinal	Cardinal	Cardinal	Cardinal	Cardinal	Bruins
#16 Wake Forest at #11 Virginia 2/3	Cavaliers	Deacons	Deacons	Cavaliers	Deacons	Deacons
#14 Florida at # 25 Georgia 2/3	Dawgs	Dawgs	Dawgs	Gators	Gators	Dawgs
Villanova at #20 Boston Col. 2/4	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Wildcats	Eagles	Wildcats

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Squash loses heartbreaker to Colgate

by Prashant Sadarangani '04
SPORTS WRITER

Though the Hamilton men's squash team may have been a bit jaded after recent losses to Yale and Cornell, when they took on rival Colgate at the Hamilton squash courts, it was a different story altogether.

The men got off to a quick 4-2 lead, and things were looking great for the team.

Inspired by wins from Jeff Richards '04, Rich Muniz '02, Ben Moore '02, and Kevin Brown '02, the Continentals looked as if they had the match wrapped up.

However, the last two games proved to be fatal.

Richards won his match in three straight games, and Muniz was extremely impressive in his hard fought win against Matt Cosman of Colgate.

Moore and Brown easily crushed their opponents in three games.

In the last two matches, Varun Vasudeva '04 and Will Fuhrman '04 played to nail-biting finishes.

Vasudeva lost in a grueling five game match, while Fuhrman also lost his match to Colgate's Craig White 15-11 in the fifth game.

Both of these matches came down to the last game, both of which unfortunately went Colgate's way.

Coach Jamie King commented, "I am disappointed by the loss, and hoped they would dig a little deeper to pull out those matches. The experience of losing close matches early in their career will definitely help enable the team to win other close matches in the future. Our next match is against Saint Lawrence, and I am optimistic about our performance for that game. All in all I think the team put in a great performance, we rarely have any home games and I am happy to see the crowd support we got."

The Hamilton women's team came into the match with a high level of confidence after their 7-2 win over William Smith this past weekend.

However, they fell to Connecticut College, 5-4 at the Yale squash courts.

This game was a re-match of an earlier Hamilton loss at the Williams squash courts.

The team was hoping they would be able to avenge their defeat, especially with the return of captain Liz Hurley '01.

Coach King commented, "The team was led by the victories of co-captain Eileen Wildman '01, Tracy Nichols '03, and Liz Green '01, who won their matches with relative ease. The match pivoted on the two five game matches as freshman Liz Fallon went down in a nail-biting match, losing 9-4 in the last game."

Women's Basketball drops two, beats Clarkson

Backcourt of Russell and Chiaputti leads the way in thrilling win

by Andy Horner '03
SPORTS EDITOR

Over the past three games, the Hamilton women's basketball team has played three tough games against highly skilled teams. Although they emerged from this stretch with only one victory, the team is certain that it is improving with each game.

The Continentals played one of their best all around games of the season against Saint Lawrence, but the Saints were still able to pull away down the stretch on their way to a 73-55 victory.

In itsnext game, Hamilton found itself confronted by a less dominant opponent, and the Continentals responded by pulling out a thrilling 70-66 win. The Continentals then hit the road against an experienced and focused Ithaca squad.

The Hamilton women were unable to match the intensity of their Ithaca counterparts, and they headed back to The Hill having suffered a 75-58 defeat.

The game against Saint Lawrence started out well for the Continentals, as they went shot for shot with the offensively explosive Saints.

The defensive intensity was somewhat lacking, but this deficiency was overshadowed by Hamilton's efficient offense. This efficiency allowed the Continentals to hang around throughout the first half, and they went into halftime trailing by only seven points.

The second half started out much like the first did for the Continentals, as they shot the ball well and began to regain the defensive focus.

They were able to pull to within three points soon after halftime, and it appeared as if Hamilton might have a shot to achieve a stunning upset.

However, it was not to be. The Saints responded to Hamilton's fierce play with solid interior defense, confounding the Continentals' attempts to score points in the paint.

As the Saint Lawrence defense clamped down, the Hamilton offense began to sputter. The large post defenders of the Saints displayed their shot-blocking prowess, racking up an astonishing twelve blocks.

In the end, the Continentals fell short, but scored a moral victory in playing competitively with one of the top teams in the country.

The offense was led by point guard Jenny Russell '02, and small forward Karen Pogonowski '02, who scored 13 and 11 points respectively.

However, they shot a combined 23 percent from the field. The rest of the team did not do considerably better, as the Continentals finished the game shooting just 28 percent.

Stephanie Dunn '03 played her usual effective game, racking up nine points and collecting eight rebounds in 27 minutes of play.

Hamilton coach Julie Diehl summed up the game saying, "They are a big and long team, and they play very well within their system. We were able to force a few turnovers with our press, but we weren't able to capitalize down the stretch."

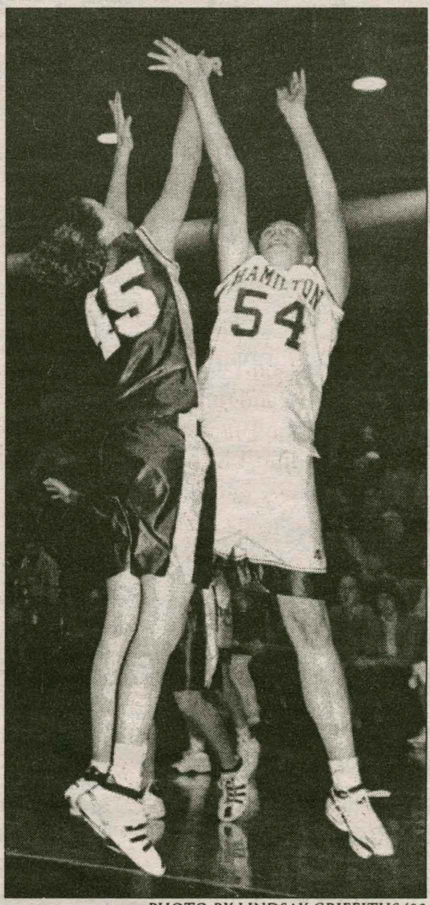
Forward Abby McDermott '01 agreed, and commented, "We need to work on converting our defensive stops on the offensive end. That was the difference in the Saint Lawrence game."

"It's always difficult to play against a team that has beaten you five years in a row," added shooting guard Brenna Chiaputti '02, "no matter what the skill level of each team is."

The game against Clarkson was an evenly matched contest, and the two offenses played exceptionally well in the first half.

Hamilton's backcourt duo of Russell and Chiaputti led the team as they beat the defense of the Golden Knights on a variety of jumpers and fast break layups.

The Continentals shot 38 percent from the field in the first half, and found themselves up by five at halftime.



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Johanna Trout '04 takes a shot over a Clarkson defender.

The second half, however, was a different story. Hamilton's offense went suddenly cold, and they found it difficult to find a way around the newly aggressive defense of Clarkson.

However, the Golden Knights soon began to defend too aggressively, and the Continentals found themselves with the opportunity to put points on the board from the foul line.

Hamilton went 18-30, including an 8-12 performance from power forward Jen Muñoz '04, from the charity stripe in the second half alone, and this allowed them to stay ahead of Clarkson, if just barely.

Muñoz also pulled down a team-high 13 rebounds, five of which came on the offensive end.

However, with less than two minutes remaining in the game, and the Hamilton offense still sputtering, the Golden Knights made their move, and tied the score. With Clarkson on a roll and their own offense reeling, every possession became pivotal for the Continentals.

The hot first-half shooting of Russell and Chiaputti had evaporated, and so Hamilton turned to Pogonowski.

Suffering through a dreadful 2-12 performance up to that point, Diehl called Pogonowski's number, hoping that her experience would result in a tie-breaking shot.

Receiving the ball at the top of the key, Pogonowski drove into the lane and lofted a runner over the outstretched hands of the Clarkson defenders.

Contact was made as the shot was released, and as everyone's eyes watched the ball bounce through the rim, the referee blew his whistle.

Pogonowski would go on to knock down the free throw, and the Continentals would hold on for the exciting victory.

"When Clarkson came back against us we were able to respond with composure," said Diehl, "but it really shouldn't have been that close."

"We started playing down to their level a bit, and we realized that if we wanted to win the game we would have to make some changes," explained Pogonowski. "Offensively I had not been having a good game, but I am glad that coach went to me."

"I think we played a fairly solid game against Clarkson, and at the end several players, especially Karen Pogonowski, proved that they could step up and create offensively in a pressure situation," commented McDermott.

Against Ithaca the Continentals struggled in all facets of the game. Rebounding, usually a

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Swimming sinks Union

by Jared Frank '01
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The men's and women's swimming and diving team demonstrated their ability to bounce back from a big loss this past weekend by dominating a less skilled Union squad.

The men's team easily defeated the Dutchmen 145-89, and the women's team did equally well, winning 139-89. Though the women's team was coming off a disappointing loss last week against Amherst, they swam extremely well.

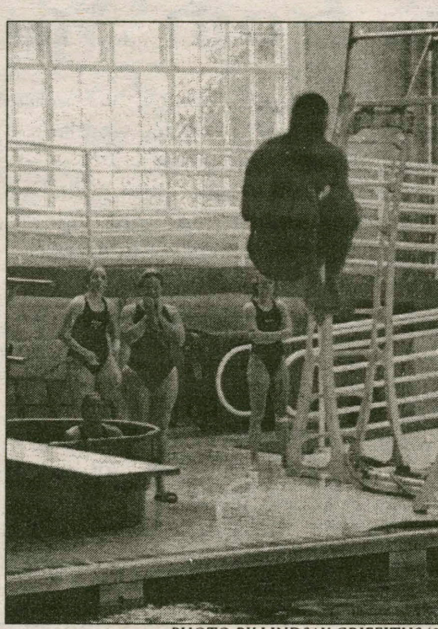
As a team, the Lady Continentals came in first place in nine out of the ten races.

They also took second or third in all but one race. In the 200y freestyle, the women's team placed first, second and third, completely shutting out Union.

Standout swimmers for the women's team included Emily Pietropaolo '01 from Victor, New York, who finished the day with two first place finishes in the 1000y freestyle and the 200y butterfly, and one second place finish in 200y I.M.

Brooke Hegarty '02 and Erin Knight '03 each took two first place finishes.

Freshman sensation Sarah McDermott finished with one first place, one second place and one third place finish. Jen Kunz '01 recovered nicely from an injury last week and ended the day with a second and third place finish. The men's team, meanwhile, rebounded from their first loss of the season to put up very impressive numbers.



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Hamilton divers took first place against Union at the Bristol Pool

The men dominated the Dutchmen in every race they swam, placing first in every race. Like the women, they were able to take second or third place in all but one of the races. The men were able to shut out Union completely in three events; the 200 freestyle, the 200 IM and the 200 back stroke. Standout swimming performances included Dan Bordoni '01 in the 1000y freestyle, who placed first with a time of 10:06.15. Jeff Wilson '04 took first place in the 200y backstroke in 2:01.71. James Morrison '04, Erik Schwenker '02, and Anthony Loeffler '01 each recorded two first place finishes.

Stewart Wright '01 commented, "The meet this weekend was definitely not a close meet, but it gave us a good chance to get up and race. We had a lot of great swims from a bunch of guys, which is very promising for the end of the season. At this point in the season, we are really starting to focus our attention on the NESCAC meet at the end of February."

The men's and women's swim teams have their last dual meet this Saturday at RPI. After that both teams will look to get ready to swim in the NESCAC championships.

The women's championships are Feb. 16-18 at Wesleyan. The men's championship meet is February 23-25 at Bowdoin College.

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The program includes both didactic course work (see Hamilton Course Catalog) and supervised practicum experiences. Trainees will learn theoretical and practical applications of behavior analysis techniques, as well as how to develop educational curriculum and behavior management programs for students who have a range of needs.

Trainees will attend graduate-level courses offered on-site by Northeastern University and Simmons College. Trainees will also spend about 30 hours each week gaining hands-on experience as student teachers.

Interested students should consult with the chair of the Department of Psychology, John Vaughan. Applications should be submitted to the Dean of Students Office by March 1.

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Sports

Despite flu and injuries, Men's Basketball wins

by Chris Preston '03
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This season has certainly not gone as smoothly as it could have for the men's basketball team, to say the least.

Aside from the current team-wide shooting funk that the Continentals are experiencing, there have been numerous injuries and illnesses that have plagued them.

For starters, the Continentals lost guard T.J. Conti '01 for the season due to a torn ACL even before their 2000-2001 campaign began.

Then, just as their crucial UCAA portion of the schedule began, co-captain Brendan Ferretti '01, one of the team's more versatile players at 6'3", saw his minutes drastically reduced due to nagging injuries to his back and foot.

And recently, several players have felt the effects of the rapidly spreading flu bug that has been going around campus.

This includes starting point guard and co-captain Jimmy Driggs '01 and forard Joe Smith '04.

As Coach Tom Murphy admitted, these continuing problems with health have been a bit overwhelming, "Our big thing is we have got to stay healthy. We're playing pretty well, so once we're completely healthy we should be okay."

Despite not having all their players performing at 100 percent at any point this season, the Continentals have still managed to post a glossy 10-5 overall record.

Furthermore, all five of their losses were by less than six points, with two of them going to overtime and another (at Williams) coming on a virtual buzzer-beater.

This past Friday came their most recent loss, an 89-83 defeat to conference rival St. Lawrence.

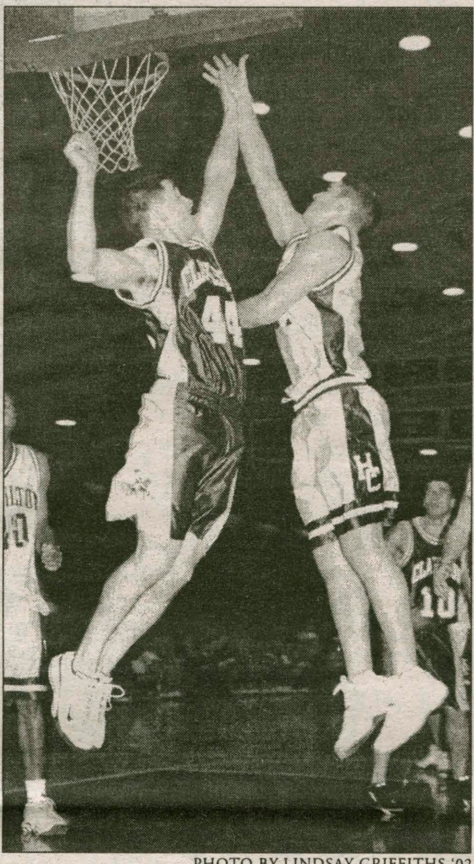
Again, the Continentals had a chance to win it towards the end of the game after overcoming a ten-point deficit in the second half, but inconsistent shooting did them in once again.

The loss was Hamilton's second in a row and fourth in its past five games.

Nevertheless, the Continentals responded. Less than 24 hours later, facing a tough Clarkson squad without the services of a flu-stricken Driggs, the Continentals pulled out a hard-fought overtime victory, 85-78.

The team received a spark in this game from Ferretti, who appeared to be playing at close to full strength for the first time in weeks.

Coach Murphy commented on what Ferretti's return meant to the team, "It helps us a lot,



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A Clarkson defender unsuccessfully tries to block Joe Finley '03.

he's a good player. He gives us another guy that can score, he gives us more depth. This is the best he's felt all year, although he's not quite 100 percent."

Ferretti was just happy to be making a significant contribution again.

"It felt great. With only ten games left in my senior year I just wanted to get back out there playing again," commented Ferretti.

The momentum from the Continentals' thrilling victory over Clarkson carried over to their showdown against cross-town rival Utica College this past Tuesday at Hamilton.

A swarming defense and improved offensive rebounding enabled the Conts to dispatch Utica with relative ease, 69-52.

A recovered Driggs celebrated his return with 11 points and six assists, while Ferretti continued his amazing comeback by netting 13 points.

Joe Finley '03 and Kris Fudge '01 added 25 and 12 points, respectively, while Mike Harrison completed Hamilton's balanced attack by grabbing a team-high 11 rebounds.

Coach Murphy saw some improvements in the Utica game, "While we still didn't shoot well, the effort was certainly there. We were able to get a lot of second and third shots because of our offensive rebounding."

Ferretti agreed, "I think we came out with more defensive intensity. We came out Saturday against Clarkson knowing we couldn't lose so we had to make our own intensity.... That carried over into the Utica game."

With both Ferretti and Driggs healthy, and with other players recovering from illnesses, the Continentals embark on the second half of their UCAA schedule. However, they now possess something they did not have the first time around-a full complement of players (aside from Conti).

Next up is a visit to Skidmore, whom the Conts beat by 17 points less than two weeks ago on their home floor.

Then, on Saturday the team travels to Union, where they will be accompanied by a bus full of Hamilton faithful.

Combined with the rabid Union fans, this should create a hostile environment.

Coach Murphy just hopes it doesn't become as hostile as the last time these two teams-and more specifically, fans-squared off in the now infamous "basketbrawl" incident.

"I know our players won't get into any trouble, and I trust that out fans won't either."

Otherwise, we may have to add some of Hamilton's fans to the list of the walking wounded.

Men's Hockey bounces back from Amherst loss

by Charles Spiliotis '03
SPORTS WRITER

Two vastly different Hamilton hockey teams showed up for Friday's contest with Amherst and Saturday's game at Trinity.

The men's hockey team that has been a two-headed beast for nearly the entire season took a vicious 9-0 beating at the hands of Amherst on Friday.

They then proceeded to defeat a very tough Trinity team, 2-1, the following evening.

"This past weekend showed how successful we can be if we play as a team. After a disappointing loss to Amherst, we came back and beat a nationally ranked Trinity team. If we can continue to play as a team, we are as good as any other team in the league," said defenseman Steve Aubuchon '03.

In Friday's matchup with 10-3-3 Amherst, the Continentals came in having lost three in a row, and desperate for a win.

The Jeffs netted an early goal at the 1:06 mark, but Hamilton stood tough, keeping it a one-goal game.

Then, as the clock ticked down, Amherst scored a back-breaking goal with only a second remaining in the first, giving them a two-goal cushion.

This seemed to take all the wind out of Hamilton's sails, as Amherst just took over.

"Mentally, we weren't prepared to play. They got a couple of goals early, and we were playing catch-up the rest of the way. We lost all of our team play, and they just had us running around. It was far and away our most frustrating game of the season," said Coach Brian Grady.

By the time it was finished, Amherst had lit up the goalie combo of Mike Kaufman '01 and Matt Jones '04 for nine goals.

The Jeffs were led by a hat trick by forward Bob Miele, as Hamilton suffered its worst loss of the year, 9-0.

The following evening it was a much different Hamilton squad that stepped on the ice at Trinity to take on a team that boasted an 8-1-1 NESCAC record thus far.

Early on it became a very physical affair, with a combined eight first-period penalties against the two teams.

But the Hamilton penalty-killing unit that had allowed Amherst to convert on four out of five powerplay chances would kill all ten opportunities against Trinity.

In fact, it was a shorthanded goal by the Continentals that broke the 0-0 tie at the 6:11 mark of the second period.

Tim Canfield '02 netted his second goal of the season from Vic Cizmarik '01 and Aubuchon to give Hamilton its first lead.

But Trinity would respond with a Thomas Pierandri goal at even strength with just less than five minutes to go in the second.

The third period saw some chances for both teams, as Jones made some big saves in net, but the game remained deadlocked at 1-1 until Nicolas Potvin '02 took a Canfield pass and scored the eventual game-winner at the 11:34 mark of the third.

Grady said, "You have to hand it to them, they could have bowed their heads and given up, but they came out and jumped right on Trinity. We played good end-to-end hockey; it was the first time all year that we played a full 60 minutes. We're not a shootout type of team, those are our types of games, the 4-3's and the 2-1's. We just were able to put it all together."

The momentum that the Conts carried into Sage for Tuesday's game with Hobart was apparent.

They kept their intensity up throughout, and played aggressively.

The first period was very close, as each team managed a lone goal. Scott Gordon '04 scored for the Continentals.

But in the second period Hamilton just wore down the Statesmen.

After Hobart netted a powerplay goal less than a minute into the third, they took a 2-1 lead.

But it would be very shortlived, as Hamilton exploded for four goals in eight minutes, to capture a big lead.

The Continentals would not look back, adding three more before it was through, and picking up their eigth win of the year.

Providing the punch for the victors were Jeff Corey '04, who notched his team-leading eigth and ninth goals of the year to go along with an assist, team points leader Rob Gordon '03, who had a pair of goals, Cizmarik and J.P. Acosta '02, each with a goal and an assist, and Sean Smith '01, with a pair of assists.

Captain Cory Dorzek '01 said, "These past two games have definitely been a momentum builder for us. We seem to really be coming together right now, and the end of the season is the best time to click. I think it's easy for us to be a little mentally unprepared, to look ahead instead of getting ready for each game. But if we really can stay focused, I see no reason why we can't string together six wins to end the year."

Grady commented, "We really just need to play with the same kind of intensity that we have been. With everybody coming out playing end-to-end, finishing checks and playing good defense, I think we'll continue to have success."

The men's hockey team will face-off with Babson on Friday night and UMass-Boston on Saturday, both at home, with hopes of getting over the .500 barrier and putting themselves in good position for the playoffs.